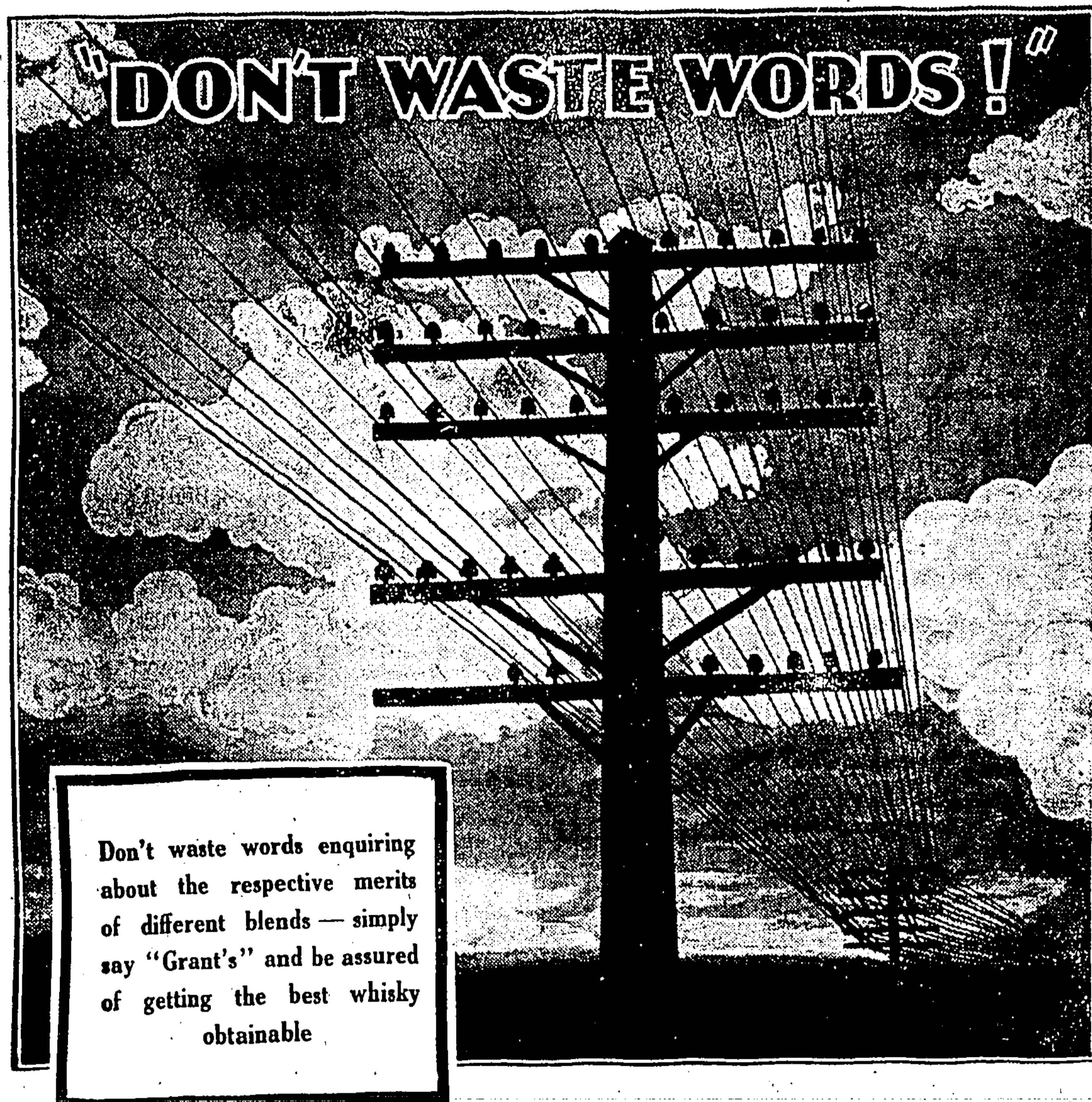


CANADIAN POLICY IN THE EVENT OF A WAR

An act of aggression against Britain would be a menace to the freedom of Canada, declared Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, in a speech on foreign policy, in the Dominion House of Commons. He indicated that he would not undertake to bind himself in advance to lead Canada into war in support of Britain.



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The decision whether to participate in war rested with the Canadian Parliament, although the Government might make a recommendation by which it would stand or fall, he said.

No country, Mr. Mackenzie King declared, had been given, or should be given, any ground for believing that in the event of the Empire's being attacked Canada would stand aloof.

NOT "LAGGING BEHIND"

He also announced that conscription for overseas service would never be introduced in Canada as long as the present Government was in office.

It had been claimed, said the Prime Minister, that Canada had lagged behind other Dominions in its readiness to support Great Britain in any war that might have arisen over Czechoslovakia.

The real facts were quite different. It was quite definite that South Africa would not automatically go to war if Great Britain went to war.

Ireland, Australia and New Zealand had all expressed support of Mr. Chamberlain's efforts for peace, but none had undertaken to send troops to help Britain in a European war.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S PROMISE

The idea that Canada should risk the lives of her citizens every 20 years to protect small nations seemed to many a nightmare. The Dominion had enough difficulty in keeping its own house in order, without risking bankruptcy to help run a continent which could not run itself.

President Roosevelt had promised last August that the United States would not tolerate foreign domination of Canada. That month was as important to Canada as September was to Europe.

"I want to emphasise," Mr. Mackenzie King added, "that our closer and more responsible relations with the United States have not in any way lessened the intimacy of our relations with the United Kingdom."

One influence determining Canadian policy was concern for the interests and welfare of the United Kingdom.

"The feeling of Canadians generally for what is still affectionately called the 'Old Country' is a strong and determining factor."

An act of aggression against Britain would be a menace to the freedom of Canada and every other nation of the British Commonwealth.

—Reuter.

SPAIN DENIES QUEST FOR LOAN

Burgos, To-day. Foreign press reports that the Spanish Government had been seeking a loan in Amsterdam and Brussels were denied here yesterday after a lapse of several days.

An official communiqué states that the reports are devoid of foundation and that no negotiations concerning such a loan had taken place.—Trans-Ocean.

PLAN TO TRAIN THE TERRITORIALS ABROAD

HERR HITLER RECALLS PAPEN FROM ANKARA

Paris, To-day.

The "Paris Soir" reports that signature of the Italo-German military alliance treaty will take place on Monday.

The newspaper stated only a couple of days ago that considerable difficulties had arisen in working out the details of the alliance.

These difficulties, it says, have now apparently been surmounted since Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister was due in Berlin yesterday.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the "Paris Soir" the act of signing of the treaty will take place in the new Chancellery in the presence of the Fuehrer.

The presence of the Italian Foreign Minister in the German capital will be the signal for new diplomatic activities on part of the totalitarian powers mainly in reply to the conclusion of the Anglo-Turkish agreement.

VON PAPEN RECALLED

Franz von Papen, the Ambassador to Turkey, says the French correspondent, has been summoned to Berlin to report on the Anglo-Turkish negotiations. There is reason to believe, he adds, that the German and Italian Governments will address a note to Ankara remonstrating against the attitude adopted by the Turkish Government.—Trans-Ocean.

It is also reported that Von Papen may not return to Ankara, partly as a mark of Hitler's displeasure with Von Papen at his failure to prevent the Anglo-Turkish Agreement, and partly in line with "reprisals" planned, which also included withdrawal of the German Ambassador from Warsaw.

Von Papen was fetched out of retirement only a week or two ago to take up the appointment in Turkey.

TWO LONDON BY-ELECTIONS TO-DAY

London, To-day.

Polling will take place to-day in two London by-elections.

In the Abbey division of Westminster, Sir Harold Webbe, Leader of the Municipal Reform Party on the London County Council, is standing as Government supporter in place of the late Sir Sydney Herbert, who had a majority of 12,862 at the last election.

Sir Harold Webbe is opposed by an Independent, Mr. Gabriel Carratt.

At Kennington, where the Government majority at the last election was only 545, the two candidates are Mr. Angus Kennedy (Conservative) and Mr. John Wilmet (Labour).—British Wire.

MAY BE SENT TO FRANCE

M.P.s are discussing a plan to send large numbers of Territorials to France for their annual training next year.

Some Territorial officers have already paid valuable visits to Gibraltar and Malta to supplement their training.

ARMY MANOEUVRES TO BE HELD IN YORKSHIRE IN THE AUTUMN WILL BE THE NEAREST APPROACH EVER TO THE "REAL THING."

Troops will represent Allied armies as well as the enemy, and railway companies are to co-operate in running special trains, as they would in war-time, carrying petrol, ammunition and food. Supplies will be withdrawn if it is adjudged that the enemy has attacked the transport successfully.

The 1st Corps, made up to war strength, will be moved by road and rail from Aldershot to Yorkshire, a big area of which is to be placed under the Manoeuvres Act.

The manoeuvres will last from about September 15 to September 23.

Explaining the "exceptionally long continuous period" of the manoeuvres, a War Office announcement stated:

"This will impose greater strain on the troops, but will have the very important advantage of allowing all ranks to become accustomed to their role.

"In shorter exercises officers and men and particularly the staffs frequently work continuously without a rest, and thus are liable to get a false picture of war conditions.

"With an exercise lasting several days they are compelled to organise their work in reliefs."

TROOP TRAINS "ATTACKED"

During the strategic move to and from Yorkshire, strong air forces will "attack" the transports.

Many thousands of vehicles will make the 200-mile journey from Aldershot, and special trains will carry those of the 1st Corps Infantry, who would otherwise have to march.

The assembly of troops necessary to bring the 1st Corps approximate-

ly to war strength will take place at Aldershot during the five days before the movements to Yorkshire.

Troops taking part with the 1st Corps will include 1st and 2nd Divisions, various units of G.H.Q. and Corps Troops. Supplementary Reserve units, 70th and 74th Field Regiments, Territorial Army, and their signal sections, and the 51st and 52nd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiments. Territorial Army, and their signal sections.

The R.A.F. will also co-operate.

The allied army and the enemy will be provided from troops from the Northern Command, and will include the 5th Division, 147th and 151st Infantry Brigades, Territorial Army and tanks, together with reinforcements of various units from the Eastern, Scottish and Western Commands.

Military representatives of the Dominions and of foreign nations are to be invited to the manoeuvres.

BELGIUM'S NEW AMBASSADOR

Burgos, To-day.

The new Belgian Ambassador to Spain, Count Charles de Vichenet, was received yesterday by General Franco to whom he presented his letters of credence.

General Franco, in his reply, stressed his pleasure at the re-establishment of diplomatic relations with the Belgian nation with whom Spain had been united for centuries by tradition. — Trans-Ocean.

IMMEDIATE REPLY TO SOVIET NOTE

London, To-day. The British reply to the Soviet Government's counter-proposals will be conveyed to Moscow within the next three days, according to informed quarters.

Britain, it is stated, is anxious that Moscow should be in possession of London's reply before the opening of the League Council at Geneva.

The definite text of the reply will be drawn up at to-day's weekly meeting of the Cabinet.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH NAVAL CRAFT AT AMOY

ADMIRAL SIR PERCY NOBLE, THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, IS STILL IN AMOY, NAVAL CIRCLES REPORTED THIS MORNING. HE IS ON BOARD H.M.S. BIRMINGHAM, AND HAS BEEN JOINED BY H.M.S. DUNCAN AND DEFENDER, DESTROYERS. H.M.E. SCOUT IS ALSO IN AMOY AS GUARD-SHIP.

The length of Sir Percy's stay in Amoy is not known in Hong Kong. Local naval circles emphasize that it was by coincidence that Sir Percy arrived in Amoy at such an opportune moment, for, they point out, he sailed from the Colony on his inspection tour of Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai before news of the "incident" reached here.

H.M.S. Kent, the Admiral's flagship, went into dock the day Sir Percy transferred his flag to the Birmingham.

The M.V. "Silversandal" from New York sailed from San Francisco on April 15 and is expected here on or about Friday, May 19.

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DECISION TO SEND MAISKY TO GENEVA AROUSES FRENCH DISCUSSION

London, To-day.

The riddle provided by Soviet diplomacy has deepened with the announcement that the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky, will go to Geneva instead of as was expected the Deputy Commis- sar for Foreign Affairs, M. Potemkin.

In attempting to account for this step, it is pointed out that considerable importance attaches to the forthcoming Geneva deliberations by reason of the fact that for the first time the French Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, will become party to the Anglo-Soviet negotiations.

This fact alone should serve to keep alive hope in a favourable outcome.

It is insisted in political circles here that the decision taken by the Soviet Government in sending M. Maisky to Geneva will have no effect on the formulation of the British reply to Moscow.

KREMLIN WARNING

Despite this Kremlin warning in refusing to send M. Potemkin to Geneva it is expected that Mr. Chamberlain will be able to announce on Friday definite progress in the negotiations with Moscow.

Meanwhile, French opinion of the deadlock which has occurred in the Anglo-Soviet negotiations is reflected in the Paris newspapers.

It is not denied that the French Government has offered to play the role of mediator between London and Moscow, in fact the "Intransigent" goes so far as to say that the French Government will take upon itself the task of a binding compromise.

Failure to achieve an alliance between France, Britain and the Soviet Union may lead the Totalitarian countries to seek some sort of agreement with Moscow.

HARDLY HELP

The "Paris Soir" likewise subscribes to the view that France should now step in as mediator between Moscow and London and doubts whether anything definite can result from continuing the negotiations at Geneva now that the Kremlin has decided to send M. Maisky there instead of M. Potemkin.

After all Lord Halifax can see, it is pointed out, the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky in London any day so that the special meeting in Geneva would hardly help matters.

BEYOND AIM

The "Temps" mentions the rumours that Fieldmarshal Goering had suggested to Colonel Beck a plan for the partition of Soviet Russia.

The "Temps" thinks that the whole item turns on the question of guaranteeing the integrity of Poland and Rumania.

The Kremlin would like to see the Western Powers guarantee the integrity of the Soviet but this would be going far beyond the original aim.

The assurances given to Poland and Rumania, declares the "Temps" should be an adequate protection for Soviet Russia seeing that these two countries form the western neighbours of the Soviet Union. Trans-Ocean.

CHUNGKING NECESSARIES

Chungking, To-day. The Executive Yuan decided at its regular meeting yesterday to authorise the Chungking Municipal Government and the Chungking Chamber of Commerce to establish a sales office for daily necessities. The step was taken to relieve the acute shortage of daily necessities as a result of Japanese air bombings. Commodity prices in the wartime capital have soared recently. — Central News.

ANY PORT IN A STORM FOR JEW REFUGEES

Although Jewish and political refugees from Hitler fully realise the difficulties that will confront them on landing in Shanghai, it is a case of any port in a storm, one of them told a "China Mail" representative this morning.

Reports that 20,000 would be in Shanghai by the end of the year were no exaggeration, for the plight of both "non-Aryans" and of "100 per cent Aryans who are opposed to Nazi terrorism" was steadily growing worse. None of the refugees wished to leave their homes and most of them fully appreciated the fact that Shanghai was the last place in the world to which they should go.

"But we cannot stay in Germany and there is nowhere else we can go!" concluded the refugee.

Meanwhile, it is learned that the Lloyd Triestino have, temporarily, placed another vessel on the company's Far Eastern service in order to handle the increased traffic in refugees from Hitler's Brown Shirts.

Formerly on the run to South Africa, the s.s. Giulio Cesare, 21,900 tons, with 1,500 refugees on board, passed Hong Kong yesterday, on her way to Shanghai. Hong Kong was omitted from the outward itinerary, as all passengers and cargo on board are destined for Shanghai.

On her homeward run, the Giulio Cesare, which is specially fitted out for the tropical run to Africa, will be calling at Hong Kong.

JAPANESE BOMB OWN TROOPS IN ERROR

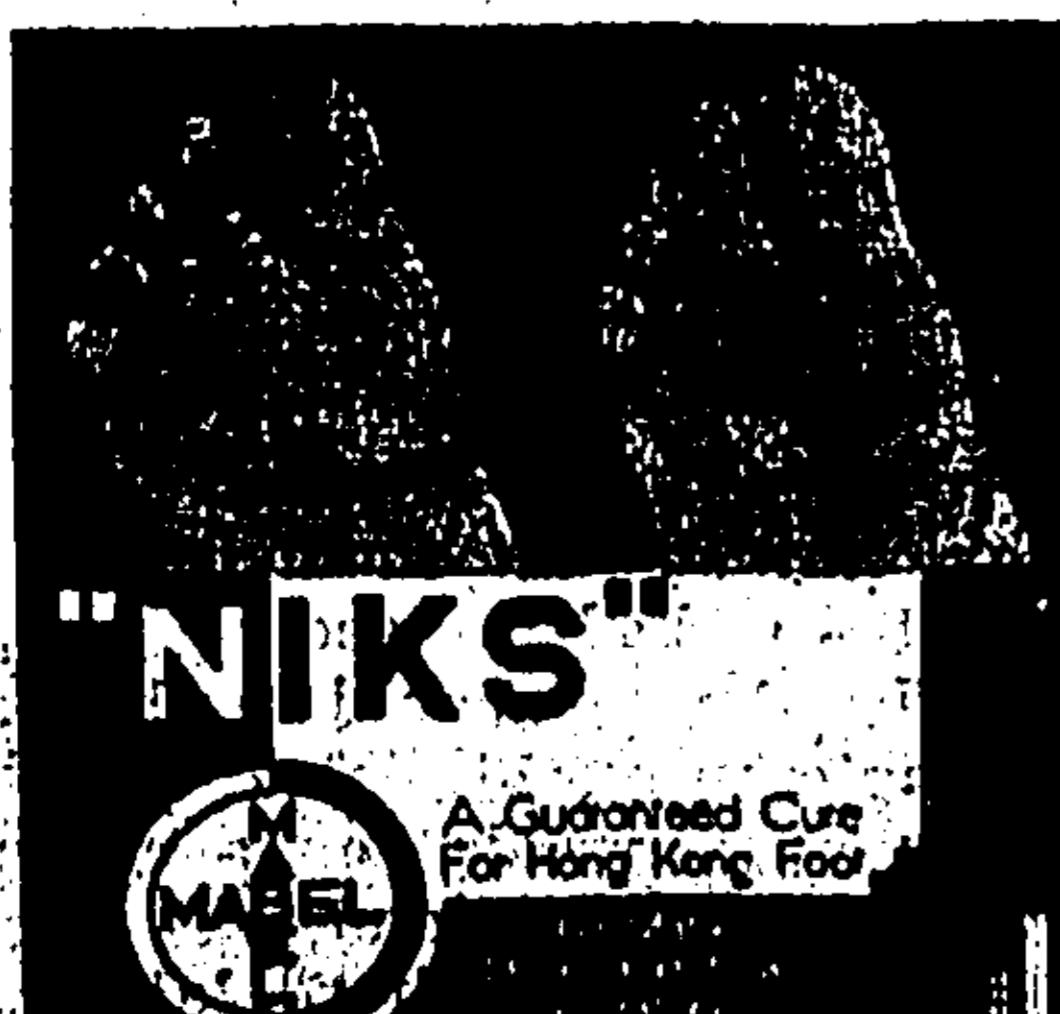
Kaoan, To-day.

Three Japanese planes bombed their own troops by mistake during a battle at Tapihshan, in the outskirts of Nanchang, on May 14.

The Japanese machines tried to assist their infantry at the height of the battle. They dropped about 20 bombs.

Three missiles fell on the Chinese side, wounding four Chinese privates, while the rest landed on the Japanese side, inflicting more than forty casualties.

Japanese units made feeler attacks on Chinese positions northeast of Kaoyushih, eight miles northeast of Kaoan. They were repulsed.—Central News.



CORRESPONDENCE

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Sir—I am a beginner in Contract Bridge and by no means a good player. However, I am very fond of the game and have played quite a great deal. I have read some books on Contract Bridge. I have glanced through Culbertson, the Official System and have followed the Four Aces System as published daily in your paper. I have come to the conclusion that good bridge requires (1) mutual understanding between partners, (2) unselfishness, (3) confidence in partner, (4) adherence to conventions, (5) psychology, and (6) commonsense. Of the above requisites of good Contract Bridge, I should think that commonsense is the most important and I shall tell you why.

Yesterday we were playing bridge. Both sides were not vulnerable, and North, my partner, was the dealer. He held the following hand: A Q J 5 4 3 of Spades, 9 8 4 of Hearts, 7 of Diamonds and 10 4 2 of Clubs, and passed. East also passed and I, holding the following hand: 10 6 of Spades, A 9 3 of Hearts, A K Q J 8 5 3 of Diamonds, and 9 of Clubs, made an opening pre-emptive bid of Three Diamonds, whereby declarer promised to make eight or nine tricks without partner's help. West passed and North, after some hesitation, bid Three Spades. Now a take-out in which according to some players my partner was quite justified, showed that my partner had no diamonds and at the same time had quite a strong hand in other suits. With East passing again, I, somehow or other, made a wrong bid of Four Clubs (for an asking bid should be Five Clubs, one more than is necessary according to Culbertson). All three passed, and I was left to play Four Clubs with a singleton club. The result was deplorable. Luckily, opponents did not double. Had they doubled I would have changed back to Four Diamonds or Four Spades, a contract which we could easily fulfil.

My partner and some experienced players of Contract Bridge argued that my Four Clubs bid was genuine. To that I have no defence. Now, assuming that such a bid of mine was genuine, could I hold more than five Clubs as strong and as solid as my Diamonds? If I had held seven Diamonds and six Clubs, both headed by Ace, King, Queen, I would not have opened with a pre-emptive bid of Three. I would have opened with Five Diamonds or Five Clubs or with a forcing-bid of Two Diamonds. Assuming again that my Four Clubs bid was genuine, would it not have been better for my partner to have gone back to my Diamonds, my original bid, or to have gone back to his Spades, a shut-up bid? In either case, the contract would remain the same. Do you, Mr. Editor, not think that commonsense is essential to good Contract Bridge?

I should be very glad if some of your readers would give a criticism on the bidding of this particular hand of Bridge.

S. L. P.

FRANCO ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Burgos, To-day. General Franco is expected to make his first foreign political speech on the day of the Victory Parade.—Trans-Ocean.

KONGMOON REPORT

Shiuhsing, To-day. After defeating the Japanese at Tongha, northwest of Kongmoon, Chinese troops are driving towards Kongmoon by the Kongmoon-Fatshan highway.—Central News.

The offices of the Consulat de France will be closed to the general public to-morrow, being the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord.

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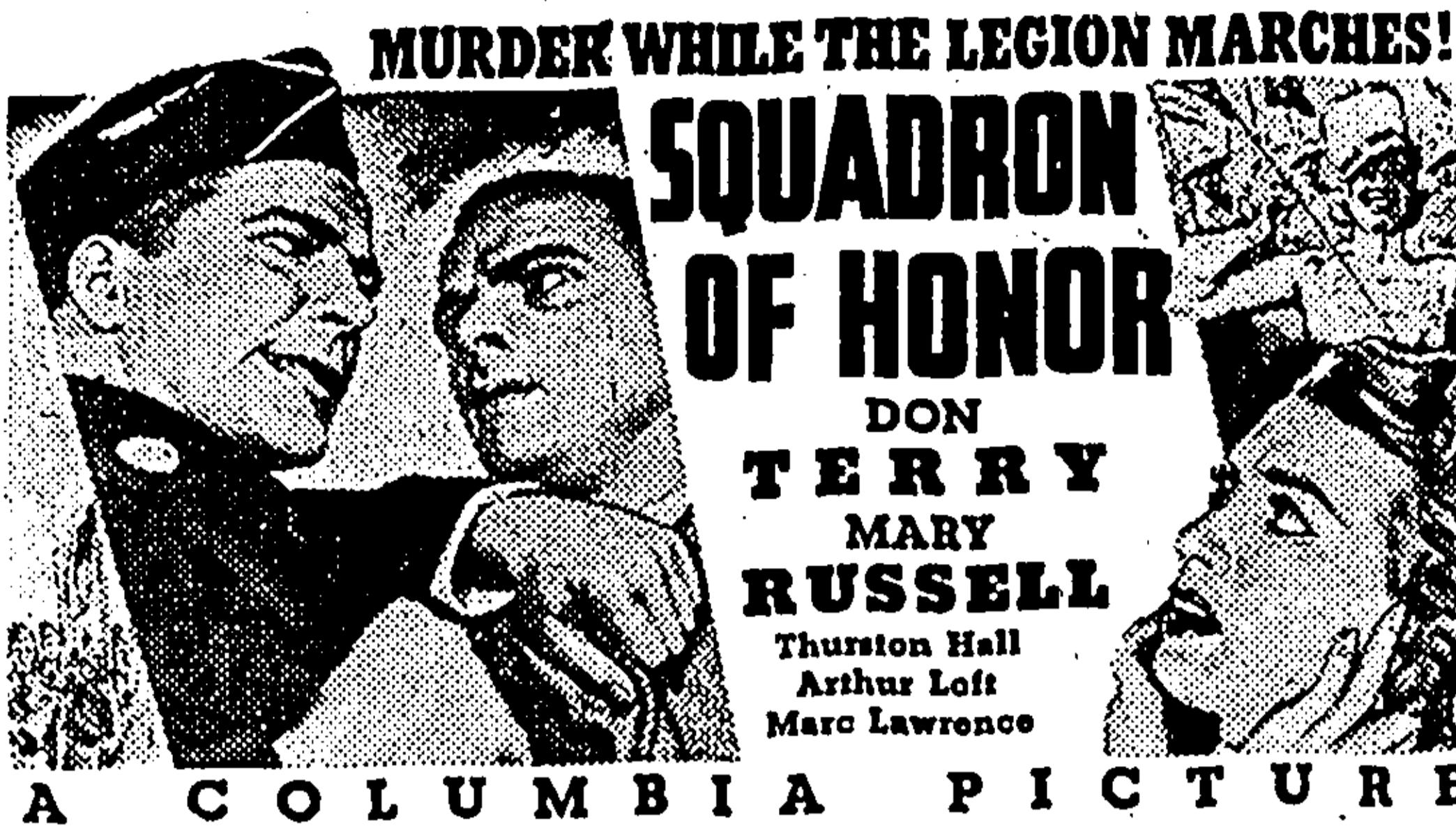
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NEW RELATIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND TRANSJORDAN

London, To-day.

A communique was issued by the British Government on the Trans-Jordan question yesterday.

The communique states that the recent presence in London of Taufiq Pasha, Chief Minister of Trans-Jordan, afforded an opportunity of discussing the working of the agreement governing relations between Britain and the mandated territory of Trans-Jordan.

The Government found themselves able to meet a number of Taufiq Pasha's suggestions as contributing effectively to further progress of Trans-Jordan towards the goal of full independence.

The Government agreed in principle to formation of a Council of Ministers or Cabinet, each member of which would be in charge of a department and would be responsible to the Amir.

The Government would consent to deletion from the agreement of the existing restriction upon the Amir's powers of raising and maintaining military forces.

CONSULAR POWER

The Government agrees to appointments of Trans-Jordan consular representatives in certain neighbouring Arab countries.

In a number of other matters the Government accepted the Amir's suggestions, the general effect being to increase the discretionary authority of the Amir's Government. — Reuter.

ALLEGED HINT TO GREECE

PARIS, TO-DAY.
THE FOREIGN MINISTER, M. GEORGES BONNET, YESTERDAY RECEIVED THE GREEK MINISTER, M. POLITIS, PRIOR TO THE LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR ATHENS.

M. Bonnet is alleged to have suggested M. Politis that "certain Greek concessions" might be made to Bulgaria.

Bulgaria insists on an outlet to the Aegean Sea and through part of the Dobrudja, at present in Rumanian possession.

It is hoped that Bulgaria, if these demands are fulfilled, will join the Balkan Entente.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH CREDIT IN AMSTERDAM

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.
FOR CONVERSION OF ITS CURRENT TREASURY BILLS THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN UP A 4 PER CENT. LOAN OF 150,000,000 GULDERS FROM THE MENDELSSOHN BANKING GROUP.

The special credit is given in the form of three months bills renewable at least three times, but which can be renewed as many as 28 times.

The bills are provided with a dollar clause.

The credit will be granted at the end of May or the beginning of June. — Trans-Ocean.

DOUBLE FINE WARNING AT MARINE COURT

A warning to all shipping companies that in future fines will be increased by 100 per cent was given by the Honourable Commander G. F. Hole, Harbour Master, in the Marine Court this morning.

The warning was in connection with two instances where coxswains of steam-launches approached within 30 yards of vessels which were flying the "S" signal-flag over the code pennant.

Ip Cheung, coxswain of steam-launch "Indo 3" belonging to Messrs. Jardine Matheson, Limited, was fined \$15 for approaching the s.s. Ming Sang, and a similar fine was imposed on Chan Hi, coxswain of steam-launch "Kwong Thong," who cruised within 30 yards of the s.s. Taishan.

The Harbour Master remarked that he would in future increase the fine to \$30.

Only Health Officers and the Police are allowed to board vessels flying the "S" signal-flag, all other craft being prohibited to approach within 30 yards.

BREACH OF DEPORTATION ORDINANCE

"You will have peace and quiet for the next three years," said the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl Macgregor, at the Supreme Court this morning when told by Ho Kiuyuen, charged with breach of the Deportation Ordinance that he had returned to the Colony from Swatow as result of the air raids.

Chan Shing, Wan Kam-chuen and Chan Shun, who pleaded guilty of the same charge, were also sentenced to three years hard labour.

STOLE TO START BUSINESS

Because he wanted to go into the hawking business for himself but lacked the necessary funds to start, a boy stole a few dollars from his uncle who had been asked to furnish the financial security but who had refused.

The boy appeared in the Central Magistracy this morning before Mr. R. Edwards on a charge of simple larceny, and was fined \$10 or three weeks' hard labour.

Military Training Bill To Apply To Britons Abroad

THOSE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, NOT COLONIES

London, To-day.

When the debate on the Military Training Bill was resumed in the House of Commons yesterday, the Attorney-General, Sir Donald Somervell, moved a new clause giving power to apply the Act to British subjects ordinarily resident outside Great Britain.

The Attorney-General explained that under the new clause it might be considered desirable that British persons living abroad should register at a British Consulate instead of having to come to England.

Capt. Wedgwood Benn (Labour, Gorton) asked what happened to a South African living in England.

JAPANESE DISLIKE THEIR OWN NOTES

Peiping, To-day.

It is announced in the semi-official press that Federal Reserve banknotes may no longer circulate in Menchiang (the autonomous area created by the Japanese Kwantung Army, and including part of Mongolia and parts of Suiyuan and Chahar provinces).

Federal currency has improved during the past few days, and is now at a discount of 20 per cent. compared with National currency.

This is possibly the effect of the authorities no longer forcing extension of Federal Reserve notes circulation and currency.

The authorities are reported to have released a considerable quantity of National currency in Tientsin in order to meet the demand there for business purposes. — Reuter.

FACTORY OWNERS SUMMONED

Summoned before Mr. Macfadyen this morning, the manager of the Nam Wah Knitting Company, of Shantung Street, was fined \$50 for allowing the exit doors to be locked in such a manner that they could not be easily and immediately opened from the inside.

Inspector W. D. Phillips said the premises were visited at 11.20 a.m. on April 20.

For allowing 35 women and 4 young persons to work during prohibited-hours, the manager of the Sang Choi Joss Co., was fined \$15. He was fined a further \$15 for failing to register the factory.

Fines of \$10, \$30 and \$12 were imposed on the managers of the

Other speakers asked what would be the position of men born of English parents in the Argentine. The Attorney-General declared the Bill did not apply to persons ordinarily resident in the Dominions overseas.

That included the self-governing Dominions, Colonies and Protectorates.

Therefore a South African national was excluded.

SEEMED RIGHT

Those living in self-governing Dominions or in other parts of the Empire had certain obligations to serve in the defence of their own territory, and therefore they were being excluded from the Bill.

On the other hand, British subjects living in foreign countries retained the advantage of British protection and it seemed right that they should not be exempted from military training.

MIGHT BE DIFFICULTIES

He admitted that difficulties might arise in cases of doubt about the nationality of some youths, but as all countries did not accept the same laws, there could be no final and complete solution of the problem.

The clause was inserted in the Bill. — Reuter.

STABLE BOY CHARGED

An 18-year-old unemployed, Chan Wan-yuen, was remanded by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning when he was charged with larceny of a mule cart canvas cover from the Royal Indian Army Service Corps.

Defendant had been employed as a stable boy by one of the officers. He had worked there for nine days and was dismissed owing to laziness.

Kwong Wah Knitting Co., the Chiu Wan Singlet Co., and the Ying Sang Knitting Co., for allowing women to work at night.

LORD LLOYD TOURING NEAR EAST

London, To-day. A Nikosia (Cyprus) message reports the arrival there of Lord Lloyd, Chairman of the British Council. Lord Lloyd is making a tour of the Near East. — Trans-Ocean.

CHARGE OF ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE

ACCUSED OF HAVING ROBBED A MAFOO OF \$150 AND A WATCH IN THE EARLY HOURS OF APRIL 4, LOK SUI-WAH AND LOK KWAI-MING WERE ARRAIGNED BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, THIS MORNING CHARGED WITH ROBBERY BY VIOLENCE. THEY PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

The jury was composed of Messrs. T. C. Monaghan (foreman) A. Vannini, Geo. Yowkey, Mo Kung-ting, P. M. Xavier, T. Wong and H. Schuette. Mr. J. Wyatt, Crown Counsel, prosecuted and the defendants were not represented.

In outlining the case Mr. Wyatt said that the victim was a mafoo Wo To, who was robbed of \$150 and a watch. The mafoo was employed at the Jockey Club and it was his habit to lead his pony to Wongneicheong Gap at about 5.30 every morning while it was still dark. On the morning in question, while on his way to Wongneicheong and just after the road leading off Blue Pool Road, he was attacked by the defendants. He was struck on the face and, surprised by the attack, he let his pony go. He was struck to the ground and while there one of the men took the money from a purse attached to his girdle. It was then dark and he was not able to recognise his assailants.

TOOK NO ACTUAL PART

Information was received and as a result the Police got in touch with two men, To Chi-keung and Lau Kee, a former Mafoo.

These two men had known defendants and also knew that they were going to commit the robbery and he (Mr. Wyatt) could not say that they were entirely blameless, but they did not take any actual part in the robbery.

About March 23, To Chi-keung met second defendant in a matshed in Kowloon City and after several conversations they met the first defendant. They decided to meet Lau Kee, an ex-mafoo, who lived near Wongneicheong.

The four talked over various things and Lau Kee was questioned as to the habits of the mafoos and whether they ever carried money with them.

That morning the four went to a teashop and returned to Wongneicheong shortly after 5 a.m. The defendants waited at the junction of Blue Pool Road and the beaten path, while the other two were lower down the road. After the robbery the accused ran down the road and passed the other two but did not stop.

Sometime later the gang met again and To Chi-keung asked the first defendant how much they had obtained, to which he replied that the amount was not much.

Both Lau Kee and To Chi-keung were later given \$5 each.

As the result of investigation, Sergeant Cashman found the watch in a basket belonging to first defendant.

In answer to the charge at the Police station both defendants denied having taken part in the robbery.

The case is proceeding.

THREE-YEAR PLAN: MILITARY PURPOSES?

Hsinking, To-day.

The Government of Manchukuo has published the programme of a three-year-plan for the industrial development of the eight provinces bordering on the territory of the Soviet Union.

The cost of this plan is estimated at one milliard yen of which the Manchukuo Government undertakes to provide 200 millions, while semi-public enterprises and corporations will furnish another 200 and the South-Manchuria Railway, 600 millions.

The eight provinces are Chientao, Sankiang, Mutankiang, Tungen, Lungkian, Heiho, Peian and Hsingan.

The plan provides for building of railways, roads and hospitals as well as for the establishment of telegraphic and telephonic communications and of power works.

Air raid precautions will also be organised. The work on the plan will commence without delay. — Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH TREASURY RETURN

London, To-day.

Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £76,882,181 compared with £72,008,913 a year ago.

Total expenditure less self-balancing items is £135,725,040, compared with £111,479,352 at the corresponding date of 1938. — British Wireless.

WOMAN KILLED BY ROBBERS

A woman on board a sampan in West Bay, Cheung Chau Island, was killed early this morning when the boat was attacked by a gang of three armed robbers.

It appears that she was killed in resisting the robbers, but no details have yet reached official quarters.

CHILDREN'S CHARITY FAIR

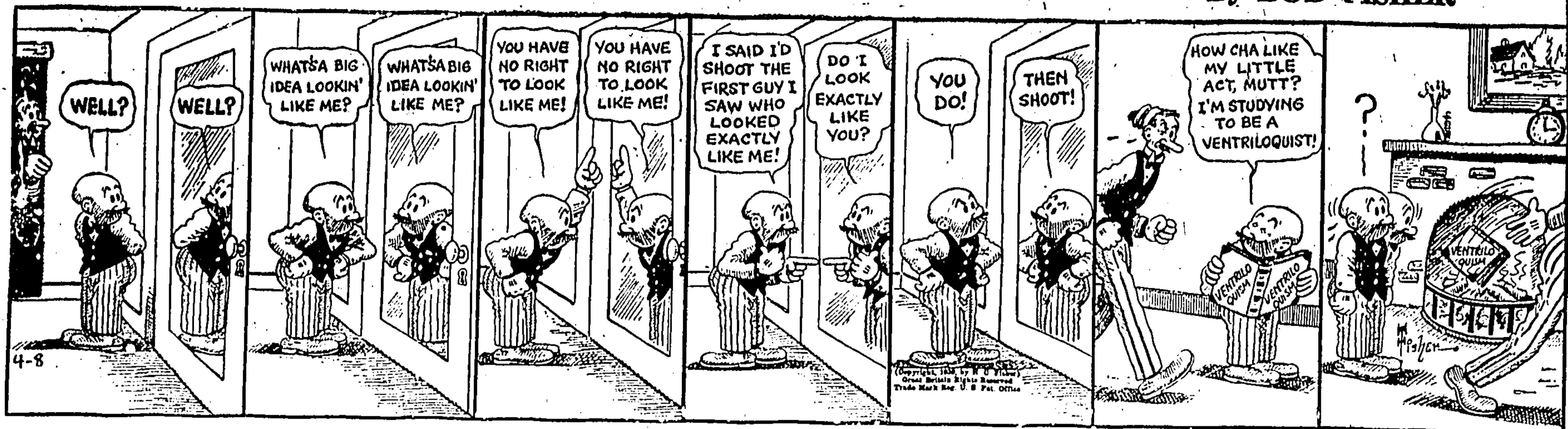
On Saturday, The National Association for The Care of War Orphans, (Hong Kong Branch) is holding a Children's Charity Fair at the Peninsula Gardens on the left of the Peninsula Hotel.

There are very attractive prizes, and the organisers look forward to a good attendance. A specially arranged Children's Fashion Parade is one of the features.

MUTT AND JEFF

THE CHINA MAIL, MAY 17, 1939.

By BUD FISHER



TEE FOR ONE

"Jackson, old boy, congratulate me. Kindly slap me on the back."

"Certainly, my dear fellow, but may I ask you why? You haven't got engaged, I hope?"

"No, no. This is something really important. I did the fourteenth in one yesterday. A blow in a million! The swipe to end all swipes!"

"But I don't understand. You look as fit as the proverbial Stradivarius. Were there no celebrations?"

"Celebrations? There's been nothing like it since the Relief of Mafeking."

"Perhaps I'm dense, but I still don't understand. Forgive my bluntness, but where's the hangover?"

"Hangovers? Haven't you heard? There aren't any nowadays. You just drink Gimlets, or take a long glass of Rose's Lime Juice after the jamboree. It's just a question of therapeutic action as a doctor once described it to me."

"So Rose's prevents the mornings after?"

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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

Harmonious Union

It was incredible that Tony and Leah Cranston should have quarreled point in their married life, was important. Every cent counted. And Leah was careless the way she handled it. Sooner or later she'd lose some. They couldn't afford that.

The neighbours were right, too. Tony and Leah were harmoniously united. They were deeply in love. There was perfect understanding between them. Both looked forward to years and years of complete happiness.

Then one day Tony came home from work and went into the bedroom to freshen up for dinner and found two five-dollar bills, a one and some change lying on the bureau. He scooped up the money and brought it out to his wife.

"Hey," he said good-naturedly, "we can't afford this. I found this money lying on the bureau. It might have blown away. Don't be so forgetful!"

Leah smiled. "Oh, my!" she said. "Did I leave the change from the grocer there?"

They had been married six months when this happened. A week later Tony discovered a dollar bill where it had been idly dropped on the living room table and forgotten.

"Listen, honey, you've got to be more careful. Money is pretty important to us right now."

"I'm sorry," said Leah, "but it's only a dollar."

"We can't afford to lose a dollar or even a part of a dollar," Tony said.

It was the next Saturday noon when he came home from work that Tony discovered three ones and a two-dollar bill on the bureau where it had been absentmindedly dropped by Leah while she rescued the roast from burning. Furtively Tony scooped up the money and stuck it in his pants pockets. Sooner or later Leah would discover it was missing. She'd become concerned. She'd ask him to help hunt. He'd make a pretence of hunting and then pretend to find the money where it had blown into the bathroom. All but one dollar had been really lost. This ought to impress Leah, ought to make her conscious of her folly, break her of the habit.

That afternoon Tony went playing golf. All the while he was in the locker room and later in the showers, he kept thinking of Leah hunting for the missing money.

He came home an hour earlier than he had planned. The moment he saw Leah's face he knew she had discovered the loss.

"Darling, I laid some money on the

By Stanley Cordell

smiling.

The next time—the time Tony discovered three dollars on the kitchen table and one on the floor, where it had been blown—he didn't smile.

"Good gosh, woman! Show a little more consideration, will you! If I hadn't noticed that dollar on the floor it would have been lost."

Things hadn't been going too smoothly with Leah that day. Besides, she had a headache.

"Darling," she said altogether too precisely, "I've never lost a penny of our money."

"How do you know?" asked Tony, a bit smugly.

"Because," said Leah, just as smugly, "I can account for every dime you've ever given me."

"Ha!" said Tony. "Let's see you!"

So Leah got a pencil and paper—and her movements were very deliberate—and she sat down and figured out her expenditures, to the last penny.

"Well," said Tony, "that doesn't mean you won't lose some if you continue to be careless. After it's gone—well, you've heard the crack about locking the barn door after the horse has been stolen."

"I've heard," said Leah icily, "a lot of cracks."

Tony was worried. Very, very worried. A couple of weeks later he came across a couple of dollars beneath a wet glass in the kitchen. He didn't say anything this time. He knew if he did it would mean a quarrel. He didn't want to quarrel with Leah. He loved her. She loved him. He didn't want them to be always bickering the way so many other couples bickered.

On the other hand, money, at this

bureau. Have you seen it?"

"It must have blown off," said Tony. "Boy, I hope we can find it." His face wore a look of grave concern as he began hunting. "We can't afford to lose a cent," he kept saying. Furtively he watched Leah. She looked ashamed and a little frightened.

This was certainly a good plan. He felt a little guilty, but managed to throw off the feeling. She needed to be taught a lesson.

Tony waited until Leah looked as though she were on the point of bursting into tears, remembering that she had been saving for a new hat and knowing she couldn't have it unless they found the money. Then he ambled into the bathroom, and, chuckling to himself, reached into his pocket.

A startled look came to his face. He reached into his other pockets. They were all empty.

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To Mediate In Anglo-Soviet Differences

GREEK NAVY MOBILISES

Athens, To-day.
The Greek Admiralty yesterday decreed that non-commissioned officers and technical reservists of 14 classes, between the years 1923 and 1937, have to join the colours immediately for two months' training. — Trans-Ocean.

ANGLO-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS TO BE DEBATED

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THERE WILL BE NO DELAY IN SENDING THE BRITISH REPLY TO THE MOST RECENT RUSSIAN COMMUNICATION ON EASTERN EUROPEAN SECURITY QUESTIONS, WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER CLOSE EXAMINATION AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE SINCE IT WAS RECEIVED ON MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Lord Halifax is leaving London on Saturday morning for Geneva, and he will have conversations with the French Premier and Foreign Minister on his way through Paris.

According to advices from Geneva, the Russian representative at the League Council meeting opening there on Monday will be the Soviet Ambassador in London, M. Maisky.

The Anglo-Russian negotiations will naturally be the subject of references in the debate on foreign affairs in the Commons on Friday, which will be opened for the Liberal opposition by Sir Archibald Sinclair. — British Wireless.

PALESTINE RETURNING TO NORMAL

LONDON, TO-DAY.
TRAVELLERS RETURNING FROM PALESTINE COMMENT UPON THE INCREASING RESUMPTION BY TOWNSMEN OF THEIR NORMAL HEADDRESS, THE FEZ, AS AN INTERESTING SYMPTOM OF THE RESTORATION OF MORE NORMAL CONDITIONS.

At the time when terrorism was active, gang leaders attempted to compel townsmen to wear the desert headdress of cloth and cord, despite its unsuitability to urban conditions.

Now townsmen, no longer in fear of gangs, are thankfully reverting to their traditional fezzes. — British Wireless.

Charged with carrying a public chair without a license, Yeung Ling and Lai Yuan, 32 and 50 years of age respectively, were each fined 20 cents by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning. — Reuter.

Compromise Plan For Geneva Discussion

Paris, To-day.
France is to play the part of honest broker between Britain and the Soviet.

A report to this effect is current in French political circles. It is stated that during the coming week-end and also at Geneva (where the respective Foreign Ministers will meet during the League Council) France will try to iron out the differences between London and Moscow regarding the best means of resisting aggression.

Confidence is felt in Paris that a compromise on sound lines will be reached.

The "Journal des Débats" says it is believed that with the diplomatic co-operation of France, Britain will succeed in surmounting the obstacles.

ALREADY DRAWN UP
The newspaper "Intransigeant" goes further, and says that according to some reports a compromise has already been drawn up which will be perfected on Saturday this week.

This compromise, adds the paper, will be submitted at Geneva on May 22 to the Soviet representative. — Reuter.

DECISION WHICH WILL UPSET CALCULATIONS
London, To-day.

An unconfirmed report from Moscow says that the Russian Ambassador in London, M. Ivan Maisky, will represent the Soviet at the League Council meeting at Geneva. Earlier messages had reported that M. Potemkin, Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs, would go to Geneva. — Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE HUPEH PROGRESS

Fancheng, To-day.
Further Chinese progress is reported from the central Hupeh front.

After the recapture of Wamiaotsi and Yokow, 70 miles northwest of Hankow, the Chinese are assaulting Tienmen, 25 miles south of Kingshan. The Japanese have fallen back into the city which is now besieged. Tsaozhih, 15 miles northeast of Tienmen, is also being attacked by the Chinese. — Central News.

MAY 19 THE DAY OF VICTORY

Burgos, To-day.
The Minister for the Interior, Senor Suner, has signed a decree ordering May 19 to be known as the "day of victory."

On the evening of May 18 religious ceremonies, parades and popular festivals are being held in all provinces. May 19 will be devoted to celebrations in Madrid. — Reuter.

Govt. To Buy Merchant Ships

London, To-day.
S U P P L E M E N T A R Y
Estimates for the Board of Trade and the Board of Agriculture were published here yesterday, totalling £3,350,000.

For this sum, £2,100,000 is for the Board of Trade for the purchase of merchant ships.

The necessity of having an adequate reserve of suitable merchant vessels in case of a national emergency, is stressed in the preamble to the Estimates.

The remaining £1,250,000 is to enable the Board of Agriculture to assist farmers to increase cultivation of vegetables and cereals. — Trans-Ocean.

BALKAN LEAGUE COUNCIL

Bucharest, To-day.
The economic council of the Balkan League meets here to-day. — Trans-Ocean.

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A SOCIAL CASUALTY

In his last report as Director of the International Labour Office Mr. Harold Butler pointed out how seriously the rearmament race had checked the tendency towards a shorter working week. Now, twelve months later, the tendency is even more marked, and it is not surprising that the I.L.O. should have to report that "there is little hope" at this year's International Labour Conference of obtaining the adoption of international regulations for reducing the normal working week in industry and commerce to forty or even forty-four hours. It might be possible, no doubt, to make the regulations provide for extreme flexibility and a long transitional period. But in the present state of Governmental opinion that would be more than usually insincere face-saving, and it is better, as the I.L.O. suggests, to put the subject on one side for the time being. Discussion would be entirely unreal. Up to the beginning of March, out of fifty-six Governments consulted only twenty-five had replied, and many of the replies were most indefinite. Nine Governments are opposed to any international regulations which would fix normal hours at less than forty-eight a week. Nine are not opposed to the idea of the reduction of hours of work but cannot undertake to ratify anything fixing hours at less than forty-eight. Seven are in favour of a normal working week of forty hours; these are the Governments of Belgium, Denmark, France, New Zealand, Norway, Spain (the pre-Franco Spain), and the United States. But there is no basis for agreement here, and it is urged by many Governments that even were they to support shorter hours these would not be applied by Italy and Germany (a Germany that now includes the two former States of Austria and Czechoslovakia, both of which had pretty high standards that have now been degraded). The British Government continues to register opposition

in which it has been consistent, to any general regulation of hours, preferring, as it always proclaims with great show of earnestness and with complete absence of result, that these things should be dealt with industry by industry.

Although the reform has lost none of its symbolic value for the workers, the International Labour Conference would stultify itself were it to waste time on a paper scheme which nobody at the moment seriously wants. As the I.L.O. says,

it is obvious that they (Governments) wish to remain free to modify at once and at any time the speed of their production and the system of work in factories and workshops, in order to be able to meet any obligations that may suddenly be imposed by the requirements of national military and economic defence.

But the pace cannot last for ever, and it is certain that when political and economic peace is re-established men's minds will return, just as they did in the years of depression, to the reduction of hours. States may then regret that they did not, while there was time, prepare a radical, methodical plan to ease the period of transition.

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"In the Hands of God"

It has often been remarked that in wars each nation always believes that God is on its side. This led Napoleon cynically to assert that Providence was on the side of the heaviest artillery.

A very different and finely reverent tone rings through the splendid words used by Premier Hendrik Colijn of the Netherlands in a radio broadcast to the Dutch Empire. Announcing measures of military preparedness to protect the little nation's independence and neutrality, he said,

"Humanity's destiny is not in the hands of one man but in the hands of God Almighty, who rules the world."

This is a profound truth, which all should continually remember.

It is worth noting that Reichsführer Hitler of Germany appealed to the opinion of a higher than human tribunal when in his recent speech at Wilhelmshaven, protesting the criticism of his nation by French or English statesmen, he declared,

"The judgment whether a people is virtuous or not virtuous can hardly be passed by a human being. That should be left to God."

Jesus said, "The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment to the Son." Men may find themselves obliged to determine their own action in the light of some specific action of another, but while they may thus pass necessary judgment on some act—and should try to do so in the spirit of the Son—they should refrain from doing what God has not done, namely, passing condemnatory judgment on a person, nation or race.

The fact that men on both sides of a battle line pray to the same God should be accounted a hopeful rather than an ironic fact. It implies that both expect ultimately to be gauged by conformance to His justice. It acknowledges a faith that right makes might. And since all men do have one Father it can be said with assurance that Providence is on the side of solving human differences without resort to artillery.

JAPAN PLAYING THE AXIS GAME

“Objections” To Anglo-Soviet Agreement

Tokyo, To-day. An Anglo-Soviet agreement would be directed against the Anti-Comintern powers, declared the entire Japanese press yesterday.

While remarking that a fundamental agreement between London and Moscow does not seem to exist, the newspapers believe that the two Powers will come to some arrangement for mutual assistance.

Pointing out that Japan is vitally interested in any step taken by Russia, the press declares that Japan is neither a democracy nor a totalitarian State but her attitude towards an Anglo-Soviet pact would be determined by her membership in the anti-Comintern group.

Hitler And Il Duce Tour Fortified Lines

London, To-day. BOTH Hitler and Mussolini toured their fortified lines along the French frontier yesterday.

A Rome message says that Mussolini left Turin early in the morning.

Il Duce visited the Shu Valley, dominated by Mount Cenis and Mount Chaderton, on the summit of which Italy maintains the highest battery in Europe.

Afterwards Mussolini visited the cavalry school at Pinerolo.

SIEGFRIED LINE

A Berlin despatch says that Hitler, continuing his tour of the frontiers, inspected the Saar district.

It is reported that the Siegfried Line, the Nazi answer to France's Maginot Line, has an average depth of 30 miles.

It comprises 12,000 fortified positions, ranging from machine-gun pillboxes to huge underground fortresses, on which 435,000 workmen are stated to be still engaged. — Reuter.

FRANCO-POLISH DEFENCE TALKS

Paris, To-day. M. Edouard Daladier, who is Defence Minister as well as Prime Minister, had an interview lasting three-quarters of an hour yesterday afternoon with General Kasprzycki, Polish Defence Minister.

The "Asahi Shimbun" recalls Foreign Minister Arita's remark on May 8 that "Japan cannot overlook Britain's efforts to co-operate with Moscow, either in its effect on the Far East or Europe."

Earlier experiences and the present situation, says the press, convince Japan that further strengthening of the Anti-Comintern Pact is necessary.

“ONLY TEMPORARY”

Referring to the Anglo-Turkish Agreement as a further step in the "encirclement of Germany and Italy," the "Nichi-Nichi" and "Asahi Shimbun" declare that the success of British policy is "only temporary." — Trans-Ocean.

ROYAL FLEET RESERVE BEING CALLED UP

London, To-day. Under the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces Bill, which should also become an Act of Parliament next week, the Admiralty propose, in order to increase the preparedness of the Fleet, to call up into service half the Royal Fleet Reserve from June 15 for three months, and the other half in mid-September.

In the case of the Army, the first group of Territorial anti-aircraft units will be called up to report on June 11, and the first group of Reservists on June 15.

As regards the R.A.F., it is intended to call up by group personnel of the London squadron of the balloon barrage, and the first group will be called up to report on June 11. — British Wireless.

NORTHERN STATES REPLY TO HITLER

Stockholm, To-day. Sweden, Norway and Denmark will reply simultaneously to-day to Hitler's offer of a non-aggression pact. Finland replied last evening. — Reuter.

FIRST MEN OF CONSCRIPT MILITARY WILL GET JUNE CALL

London, To-day. The first group of men to be called up under the Compulsory Military Training Bill, which it is hoped to put on the statute book before Whitsun, will consist of between 40,000 and 50,000, and they will receive notice on or about July 1 to report to their units a fortnight later.

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ANCHORING DOWN RIVER: LANDING IN MORNING

Quebec, To-day. To-day no-one can talk of anything but the impending arrival of Their Majesties.

At the present rate of progress the Empress of Australia should reach the anchorage below the Island of Orleans, nine miles from Quebec, shortly before midnight (local time).

Some people are planning to drive to the island to get a glimpse of the Royal squadron overnight.

The weather yesterday was beautiful, but was expected to be showery during the night.

The Empress of Australia will remain in the anchorage until this morning, when she will complete her voyage to historic Wolfe's Cove terminal, where Their Majesties will disembark at 10.30 this morning (local time).

The King and Queen will be presented to members of the Canadian Cabinet and other high officials in a simple quayside ceremony.

QUEBEC'S WELCOME

Thousands of spectators have gathered on the cliffs to hear the Royal Salute of 21 guns fired from the Citadel, official summer residence of the Governor-General, where Their Majesties will stay tonight (Wednesday).

Quebec's welcome is voiced in all the local newspapers, which have printed coloured supplements and devote columns of space to every imaginable detail of the visit.

Some journals print welcoming verses in French and English.

FIRST TO GREET KING

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, left Ottawa last evening, and will be the first to greet Their Majesties as they land on Canadian soil. Mr. Mackenzie King will accompany the King and Queen throughout the tour of the Dominion.

The Minister of Justice, Mr. E. Lapointe, will be in charge in the capital during the Prime Minister's absence.—Reuter.

"RESURRECTION"

A special orchestra formed by Mr. E. G. Pelegatti will support the Choral Group in their performance of Perosi's Oratorio, "The Resurrection", to-morrow night at the China Fleet Club Theatre. An organ, lent by the Salesian Institute, is also being installed. It will be played by Rev. Fr. Riganti.

ed her, she replied, "I thought he was decent."

The case was adjourned.

ATLANTIC FLIGHT DARING

St. John's, To-day.

The Swedish airman, Carl Backman, started yesterday from Botwood airport for a transatlantic flight to Sweden in a 90 h.p. single-engined monoplane without wireless apparatus.—Trans-Ocean.

DEMobilisation IN SPAIN

Burgos, To-day.

General Franco has issued a decree providing for discharge of the 1909 class by the end of May.

Discharge of this class follows the recent discharge of the 1907 and 1908 classes.—Trans-Ocean.

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BUDGE BEATS TILDEN

Wembley, To-day. Donald Budge, former Wimbleton champion, opened his English professional tour yesterday by beating W. T. (Big Bill) Tilden. The red-haired Californian won easily by 6-2, 6-2.—Reuter.

"COLONIAL DEMANDS MUST BE MET"

Vienna, To-day. Hitler is not unfriendly to Britain, but his colonial demands must be met.

This declaration was made yesterday by General Ritter von Epp, head of the Reich Colonial League, in a speech to the League.

General von Epp added: "The former German colonies will be returned, maybe in one year, maybe in ten." — Reuter.

INCIDENTS ON MANCHURIAN BORDER

Hsinking, To-day. An ever-growing number of frontier incidents near Lake Neuir Nor between Japanese and Manchurian troops and Mongolian bands is occurring.

Mongolian detachments which had penetrated into Manchurian territory yesterday were driven out after a battle lasting several hours, and in which aircraft and artillery participated.

The district around Lake Bhir Nor is now garrisoned by strong Japanese and Manchurian detachments.—Trans-Ocean.

POPE PIUS HOLDS AUDIENCE

Vatican City, To-day.

Pope Pius XII received yesterday the Patriarch of Antioch, Monsignore Kyrill Mogabgad, who was accompanied by numerous Bishops of the Greek-Melchitic rite.

Monsignore Cesarini, Assessor of the Congregation of the Oriental Church, also attended the reception.

The Pope welcomed his guests in an address in French and at the close conferred the Apostolic Benediction on all present as well as on all believers on Greek-Melchitic rite, scattered throughout Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Trans-Jordan, Iraq, Egypt and elsewhere and on their associations, works and collaborators.

The Pope also received in private audience the Prefect of the Supreme Apostolic court, Cardinal Gasparri, the Prefect of Congregation for Dissemination of Faith, Cardinal Biondi, the Prefect of Congregation of Council, Cardinal Marmaggi, the Prefect of Congregation of Religious Orders, Cardinal La Puma as well as the Apostolic Nuncio in Italy, Monsignore Borgongini-Duca.—Trans-Ocean.

RADIO FINES

Fines of \$10 each were to-day imposed on Mak Chang, living at the Green Island Cement Company's quarters, and Mrs. Chung Pui-chi, of Kilung Street, for possession of wireless sets without

NEW PARTY IN INDIA CONGRESS

CALCUTTA, TO-DAY. THE LEFT WING OF THE ALL-INDIA CONGRESS, AT A SESSION PRESIDED OVER BY MR. SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE, DECIDED TO FORM A NEW PARTY WITHIN CONGRESS.

Mr. Bose, who recently resigned from his post as President of Congress, explained to the mass meeting of 30,000 why the Left Wing had decided to separate.

He declared the situation demanded the formation of the bloc.—Trans-Ocean.

GUERILLA WORK NEAR PEIPING

Chungking, To-day. Chinese guerillas tore up many rails and destroyed telegraph poles at Langfang, on the Peiping-Tientsin Railway, midway between the two cities, states a Tientsin report.

Communication on the line was disrupted for a considerable time. Japanese troops which arrived later searched in vain for guerillas. Venting their wrath on villagers, they are alleged to have slaughtered some sixty of them. — Central News.

LAUNCH COXES FINED

For leaving the harbour without a clearance from the Harbour Office, Leung Kam-to, coxswain of steam-launch "Kung Hing" was fined \$10, by the Honourable Commander G. F. Hole, Harbour Master, at the Marine Court this morning.

Kwong Fung, coxswain of the steam-launch "Tsuru Maru" was fined \$5 for unlawfully lying outside three other launches alongside the s.s. "Haruna Maru" on May 7 last.

Neither set was in good condition.

News Snack Bar

CLIMB TO WHERE BROTHER DIED

Climbing 3,000ft. up the snow-covered slopes of Ben Nevis, Inverness-shire, Dr. James Robertson Russell, of Castleton, Belfast, was the other day taken by guides to the spot where his brother, Alexander Scott Russell, was killed while glissading (sliding).

There, too, he recovered his brother's ice-axe.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Heard at Willesden Police Court:

Man: The last time I saw my wife's mother we were on friendly terms. That is, we were just speaking to each other.

Husband: I never ask my wife any questions. If I did she wouldn't answer me, so I have decided it's no use asking.

THREE MAYORS VISIT

U.S. WARSHIP

The Mayors of Rochester, Chatham, and Gillingham visited the United States flotilla leader, Jouett, which is anchored in the Medway. They were accompanied by their mace-bearers, and were piped on board. The Mayor of Rochester, Councillor C. S. Knight, was received in his capacity as Admiral of the Medway. Previously the Jouett's commander, Cmdr. Guy Clark, had been welcomed by the three Mayors at Chatham Town Hall.

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SHAKESPEARE COMMEMORATION

Representatives of theatrical and Shakespearean organisations attended a commemoration service in St. Paul's Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. on the poet's birthday.

The funeral took place at Glen Nevis burying ground, where lies the victim of the last tragedy five years ago on Britain's highest mountain.

Mr. Alexander Scott, who was forty-five and a research chemist, lived at Cambridge-park, Redland, Bristol. He was glissading down the slopes with two companions when he lost control and crashed into a sharp rock sticking out of the snow.

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FIRE UNDER STATION

ESCALATOR

Flames coming through the chinks of the escalator at Monument Station in the City, one of the busiest on the London Underground railway, alarmed some of the passengers. The escalator was promptly stopped and the service from the station suspended. Firemen found grease smouldering under the escalator and soon smoke filled the station, but trains continued to pass through. The fire is believed to have been caused by a lighted cigarette end.

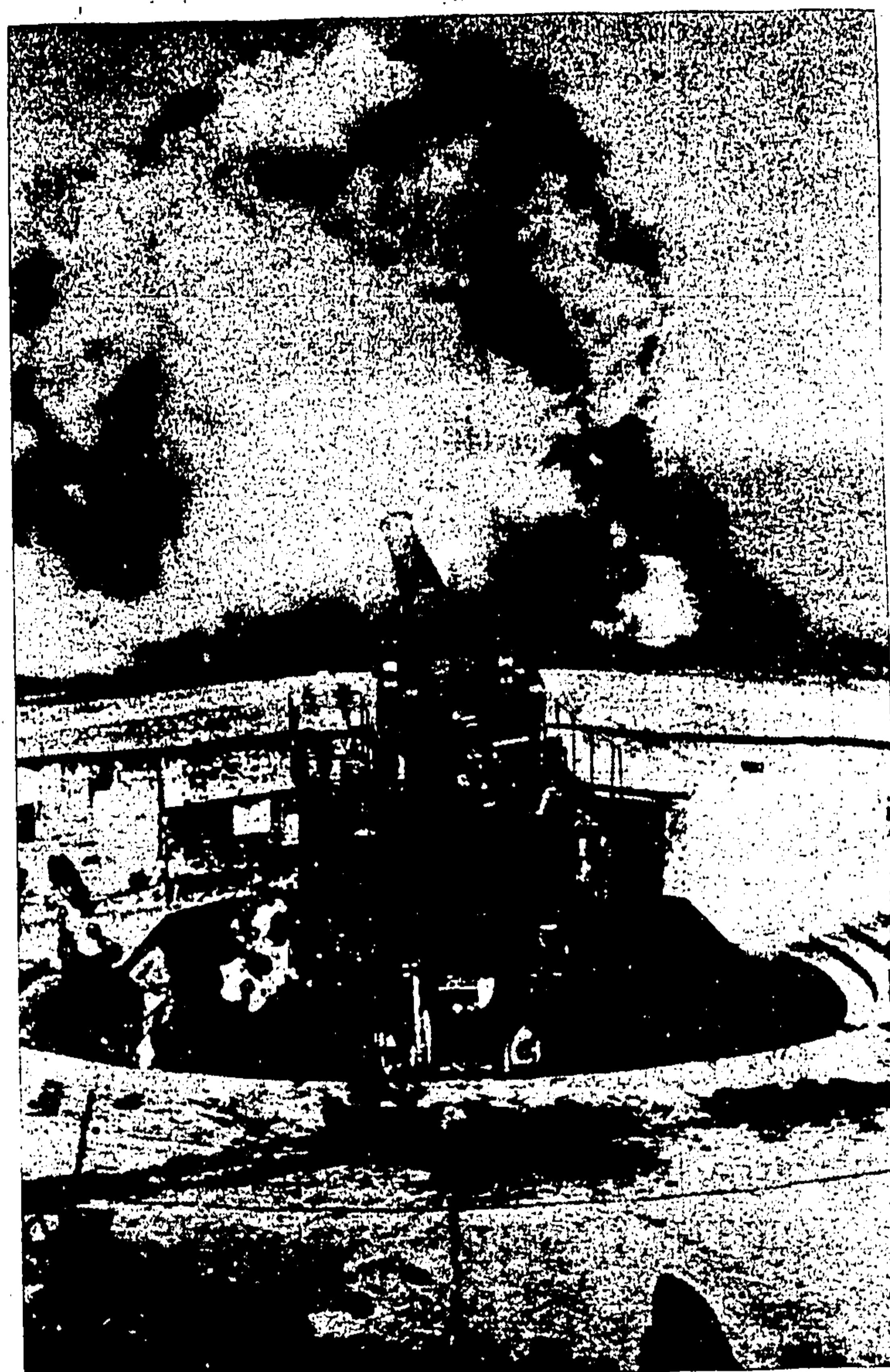
THIEVES RAID OFFICES

Thieves entered a building in Shaftesbury-avenue, W., and secured £80 in cash from the offices of Wakefield Fortune and Co., travel agents.

R. A. F. BOMBER CRASH

Pilot Officer Charles Edward Jones, attached to the R.A.F. station at Hemswell, Lincs, was killed in the crash of a bomber at Sunk Island, Holderness, Yorks.

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A BIG NOISE IN THE UNITED STATES.—Testing out a 14-inch disappearing gun at one of America's coastal batteries. This huge gun in its permanent concrete bed seems to indicate that the coastal defence system in the United States leaves nothing to be desired. Photo shows a striking picture as the huge 14-inch gun belches forth a deadly missile—for practice purposes.

RE-EMPLOYED AND KILLED

Four hours after he had started work after a year's unemployment, James Richmond, 55, of Mariners-street, Lowestoft, fell nine feet from a scaffold and was killed.

NIGHT WATCHMAN ATTACKED

Mr. George Baunder, a night watchman, who discovered a slight outbreak of fire at the timber yard of G. Cole, Ltd., Manor-gardens, Holloway, N., was attacked by two men, who ran from the yard and escaped.

TROUSERS STOLEN

Trousers which the barman had bought were stolen by a burglar from the bar of the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, Suffolk.

The raider drank five bottles of beer, took the money from a collecting-box for the blind, but overlooked some cash on a shelf.

The previous night's takings had been removed.

HORSES LOST IN STABLE FIRE

Two horses and a dog were burned to death and two firemen, Edward Brown and George Setters, of the Willesden station, were injured by the collapse of a wall in a fire in stables at Buckingham-mews, Harlesden, N.W.

LINER LAUNCHED

The twin-screw passenger and cargo steamer Aska, launched by Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson Ltd., Wallsend from their Neptune shipyard, is the 17th they have built for the British India Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.

BRUISE—DEATH

Mr. Percy Ralph Carter, pioneer motorcoach proprietor, of Weston-super-Mare, grazed his finger while adjusting the fixings of a charabanc body. Ten days later he has died.



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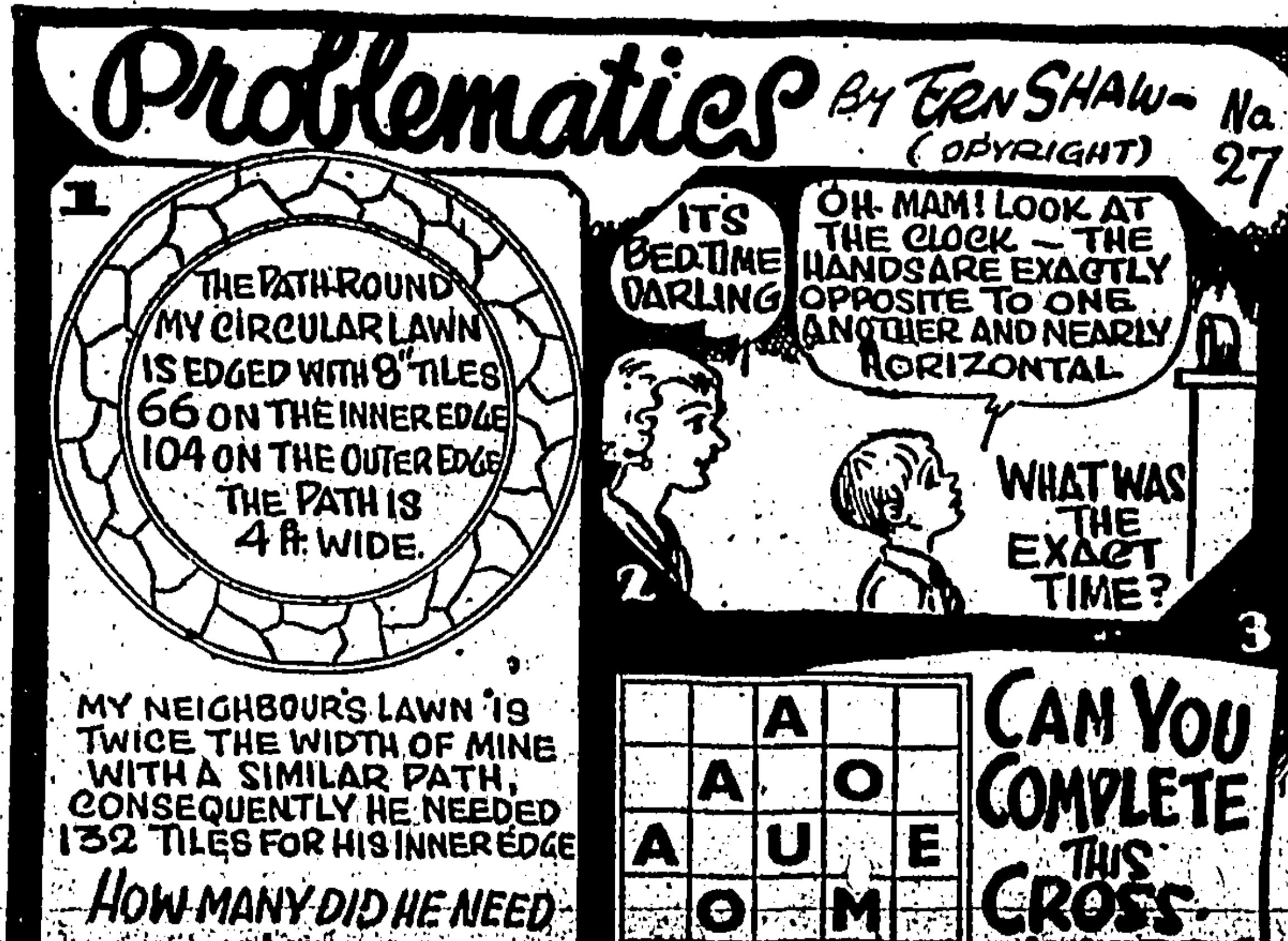
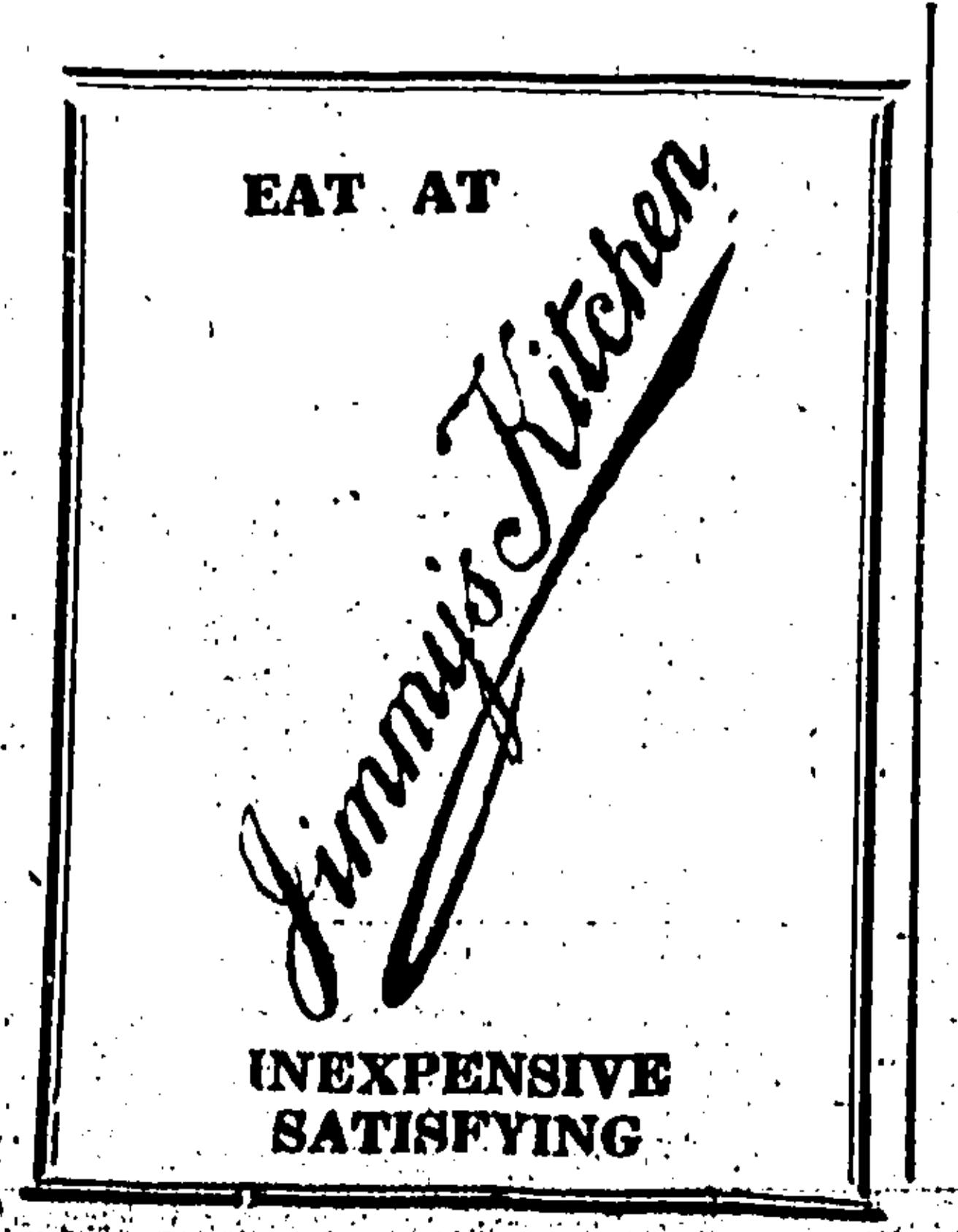
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MR. AND MRS. SMITH LOTUS-EATING

MR. and Mrs. Albert Smith, of Highgate-hill, No. 7, have returned from Hollywood. They had been to visit Mrs. Smith's cousin Charlie.

Charlie Chaplin.

They took a year off to play—something nearly every one means to do, but few do. For twelve months they followed the sun and sat in it.

What do they lose? Was it worth it? What have they missed and what are they going to miss?

Now they are back, are they back where they started? Will shaking hands with Hedy Lamarr have strengthened or weakened their characters?

Will Mr. Smith's rivals have shot ahead of him in his absence? And will he now shoot ahead of them on account of the broadening influence of travel?

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I feel a certain personal interest in Mr. Smith's professional progress because he used to be manager of one of our local cinemas. Many a time he has waved me courteously towards the nines.

But until now we had not met. He is darkish and amiably vivacious-looking, with a peaked nose and a jutting jaw. She is dark and amiable, too; vivaciously good-looking, with a catching smile. Casually well dressed under a very opulent fur cape. Her hair, face, and make-up are all slick in an un-studied way.

Now what has Hollywood done to these two ex-ordinary people?

They have come back to see. They are going to stay in England a month or two and see whether they prefer to stay here or accept the jobs offered by Chaplin.

Flash back eighteen months and see what kind of life they were leading.

They lived in a flat at the foot of Highgate-hill.

They got up at eight and breakfasted off orange juice and tea. Then they both went off to work, Mrs. Smith to start work in a beauty parlour by 9.30, Mr. Smith to start work in the cinema at Clapham by 10.

Mrs. Smith got home at 6.30; she had the rest of the day to herself, for her husband didn't get back until after midnight; he was very keen on his work.

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And now the scene changes to Hollywood, land of high hopes and heartbreaks, etc.

Here is a typical Hollywood day.

Up at nine. Orange juice and coffee for breakfast. The weather outside is perfect (they had only five days' rain in 365).

From the big, rambling bungalow-type house Charlie Chaplin's garden looks perfect. The lawns stretch away down in terraces to the kidney-shaped swimming pool. You can't see the tennis court; it is hidden by trees.

What shall we do to-day? Why, let's go and spend the day at Hal Roach's place. This is not hardship. Mr. Roach has a swimming pool, tennis court, bar and standing buffet of salads and joints.

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They drive over, both dressed in slacks. They may not see Mr. and Mrs. Roach all day, but there is no feeling of trespass. Once they like you and everything they have is yours.

They spend the day with the Roaches' daughter Margaret. Betty Smith swims and her husband plays tennis. There is plenty of company hanging around—actors, writers, directors and so on.

They all have the same complaint. That they never owed any one a penny until they came to Hollywood at ten times their previous salary, and now they owe everybody for everything. Trouble seems to be that in this tennis court, sunbathing atmosphere money doesn't matter any more than it does on any other holiday.

Except that this isn't a holiday. For one thing, they are all liable to be called to the studio by their agents at any minute. No one goes out in the morning without leaving a number.

For another thing, they talk nothing but business. And some of them are working on a script or rehearsing a part.

For lunch Mr. Smith has a salad and beer. Mrs. Smith an avocado pear.

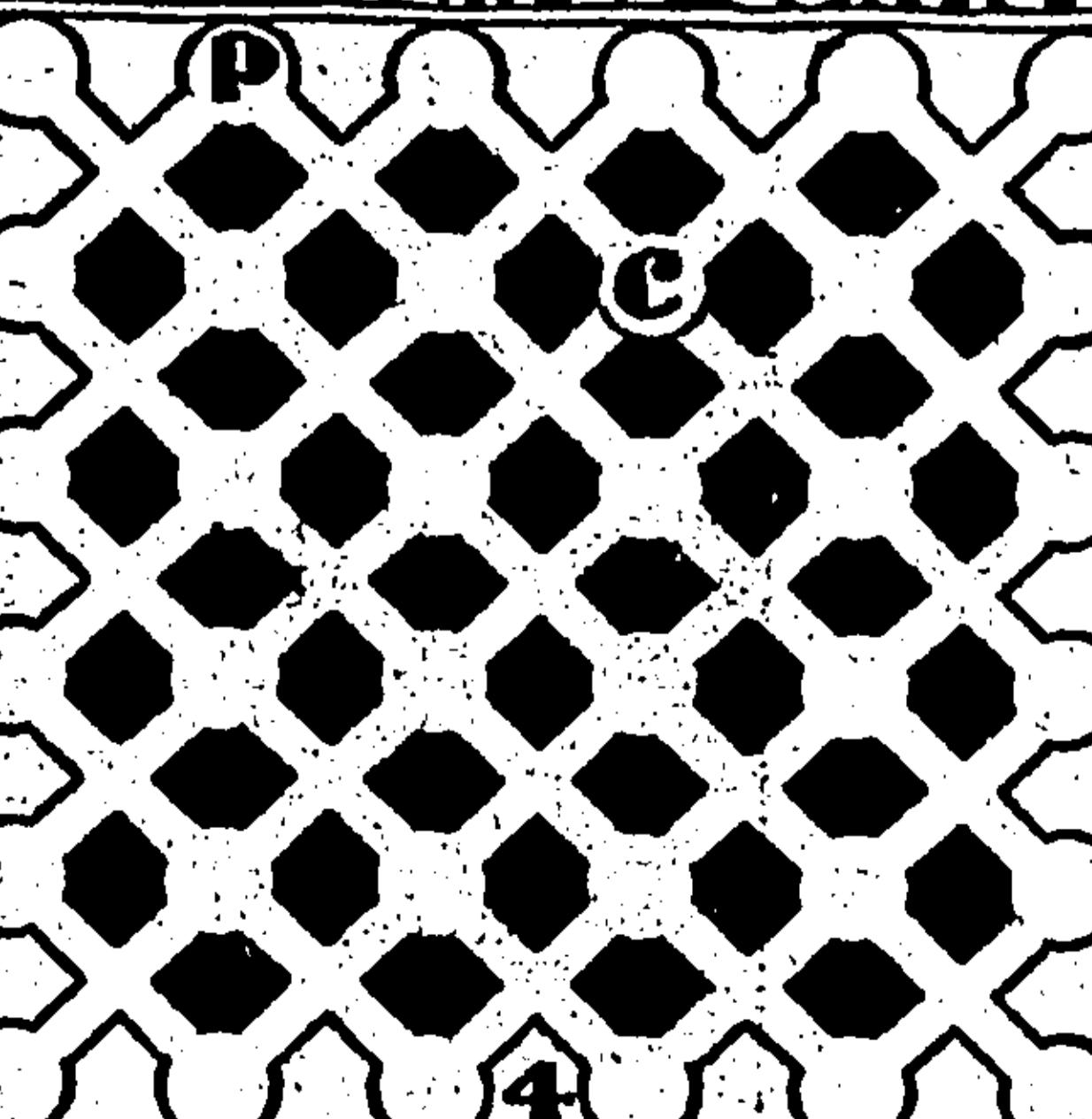
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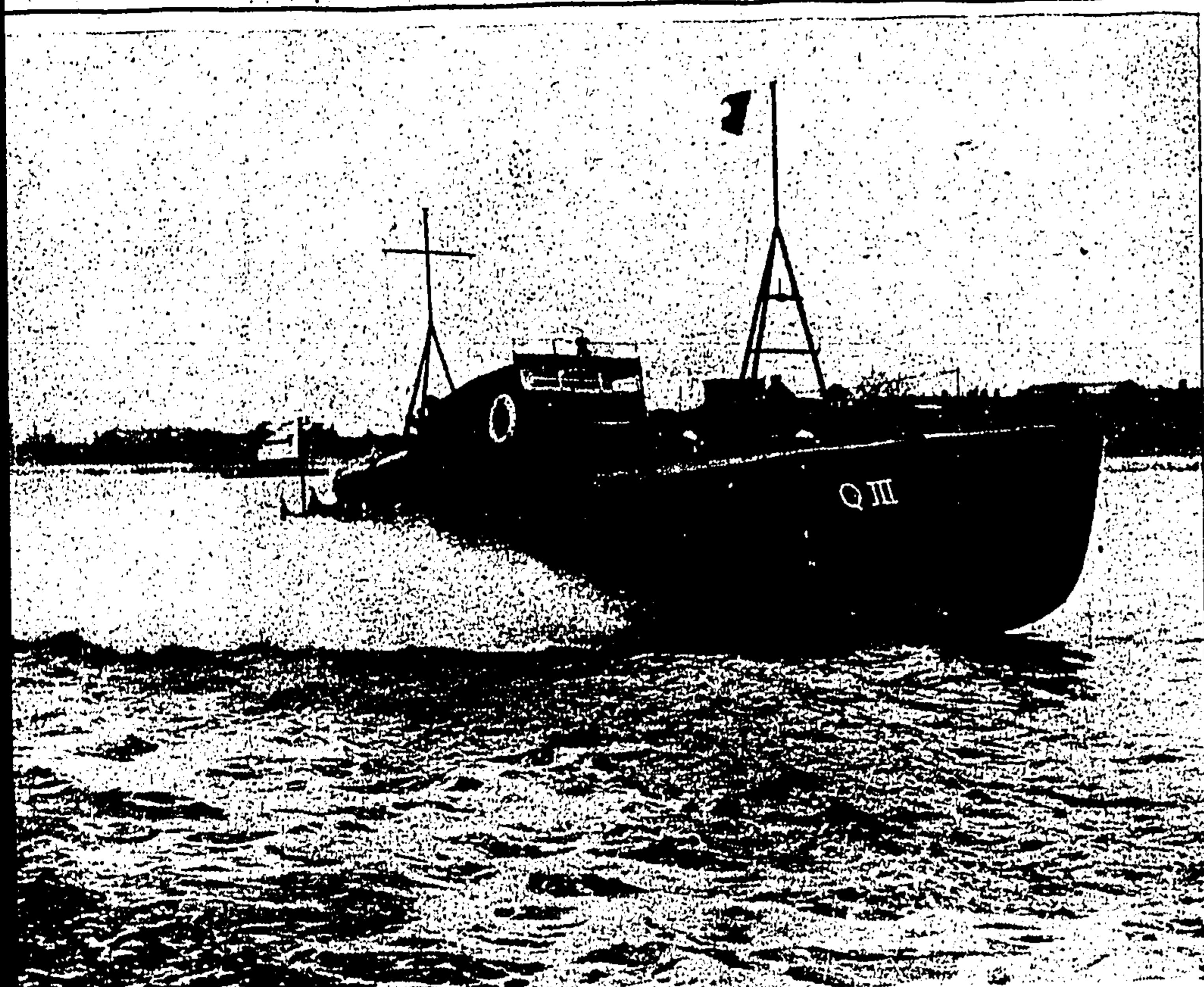
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SH MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS FOR THE PHILIPPINES.—A new type of motor torpedo boat, off-shore patrol of the Defence Department of the Philippines, was demonstrated on the Thames recently. It is 65 ft. long, carries two torpedoes, depth charges and light anti-aircraft guns and of about 40 knots. Photo shows the new motor torpedo boat showing off its paces.

lesson that you On the other hand, you only have as much as possible to be seen out for a drink with American women some one else and it is in the papers and bag first and next day, and your friends are calling as possible; then ring up to inquire.

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But plenty of us can. And don't. There must be a moral lurking somewhere there.

Eighteen months ago the Smiths were pretty much in a rut. The thing they wanted to do most in life was to go to Hollywood, but you know how it is—they didn't have to go so they didn't go.

They saved to go, and when they found they had enough they didn't store it up, they went.

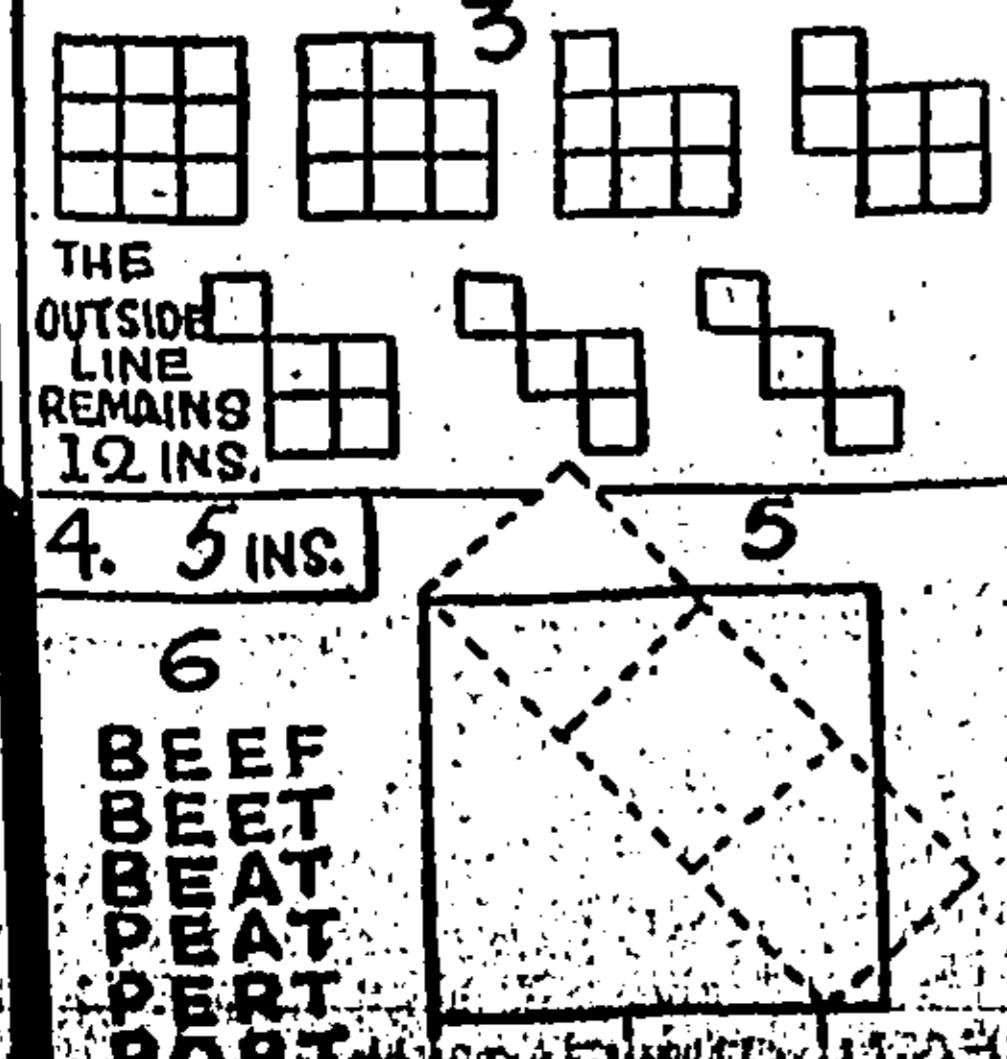
"If we wanted to go to China tomorrow we would go. It wouldn't occur to us to be afraid of anything as it would have done before," says Mrs. Smith. "As a matter of fact we are thinking of doing just that."

Well, there we have the story of a couple who found themselves. From now on they are going to keep right on doing what they want to do.

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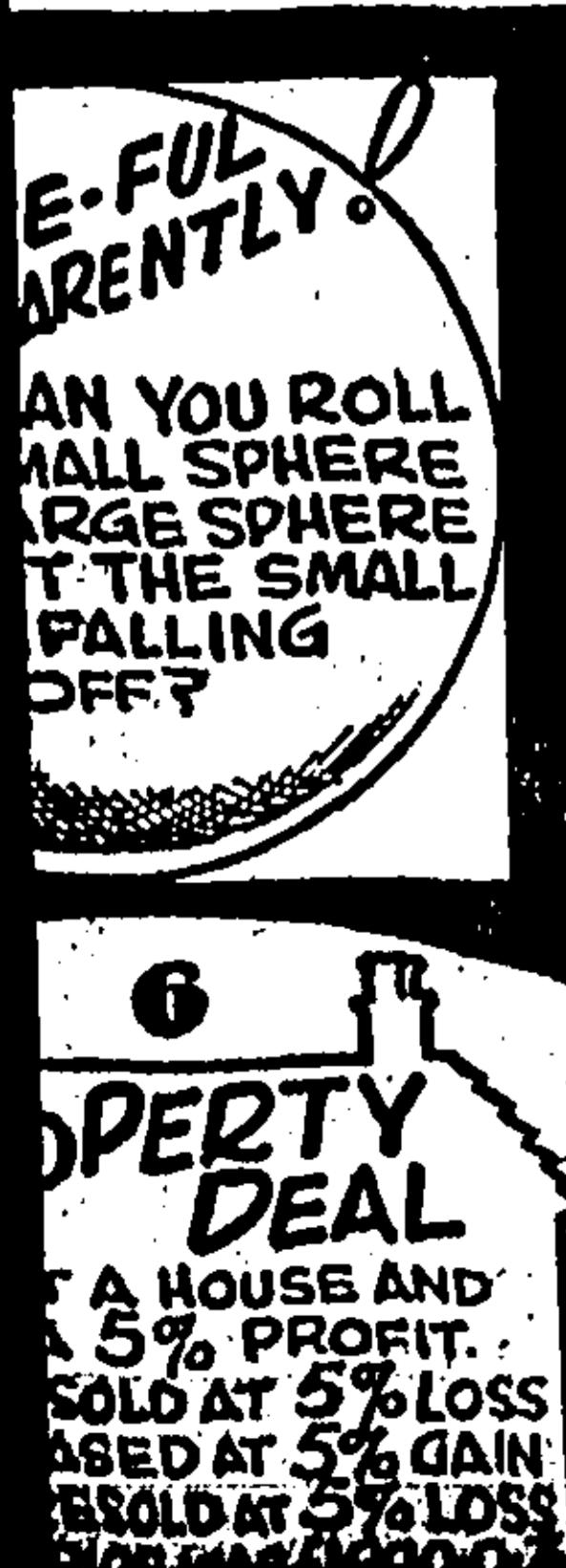


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line in front, which subtracts inches from your middle, and is topped by bodice gathers, which assure you perfect fit over the bust. That little jabot-trim adds the touch of softness you want, without the fussiness you dislike.



What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

This will be a good day to remember, "You cannot eat your cake and have it too." The money you spend this day you might need to-morrow. Do not expect too much from your friends, for they are likely to have little or no time to spare from their personal affairs. Make it a point to remember where you put things, for conditions are conducive to mislaying and losing a large variety of articles. Keep in mind that friendship, at the best, is frequently a gamble, and only that companionship which has been subjected to numerous tests, can, as a rule, be relied upon when good will, sympathy and a ready response to a requirement is urgently needed. Unfortunately a good deal of excellent advice will go unheeded this day, and it will be only through experience that lessons are going to be learned. It will be much easier to make promises than to fulfill them, so think twice before making any. Married

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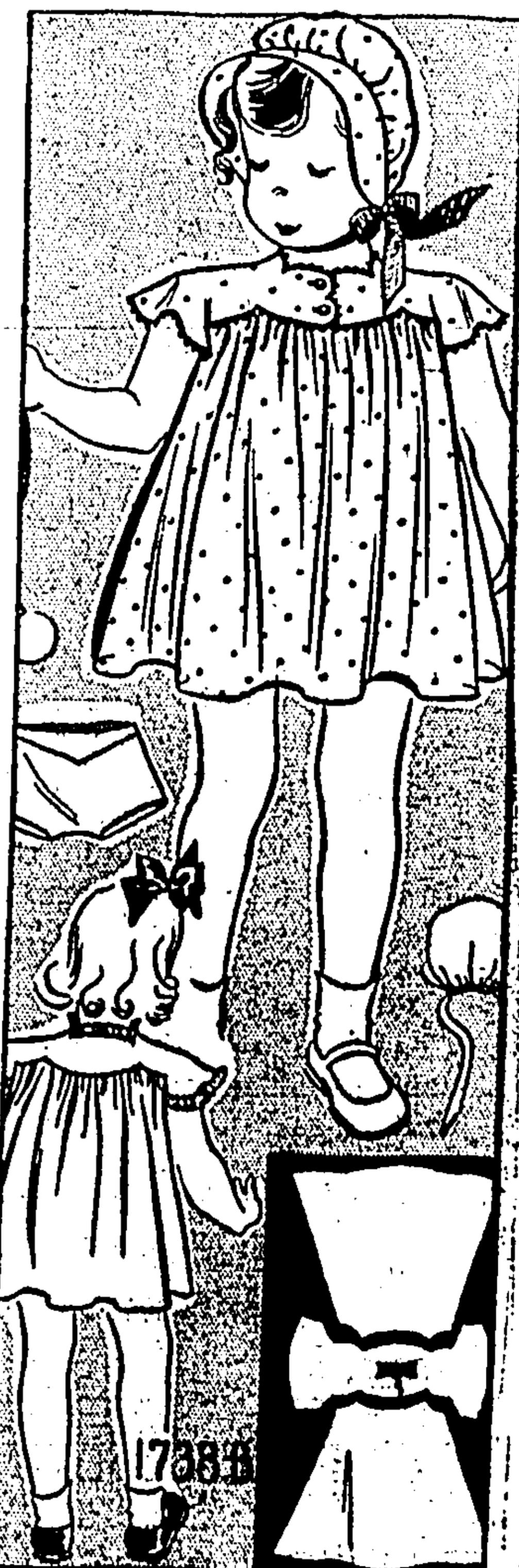
Naturally this little Sunbonnet Sue wears a slightly complacent expression! Her party-frock and bonnet ensemble is one of the prettiest fashions to bloom and it will be her pride and joy all summer!

The frock is just as simple as a little tot's frock should be, with a shoulder yoke ending in a brief pretense of sleeves, and plenty of fullness from then on down! The quaint bonnet is not only irresistibly becoming, but shades the eyes from a too hot sun. Make this of gingham, lawn, percale or dotted Swiss, and trim it with braid or frills.

and engaged couples, and those who feel that they have a right to be optimistic about their matrimonial hopes, will display wisdom if they refrain from jumping to any hasty conclusion.

If a woman and May 17 is your birthday, you may go to extremes in many ways and things. You probably, on occasions, do things with a startling amount of thoroughness. You are apt to be very quick in both thought and movements. You should be a convincing talker, with the gift of tinging your conversations with good-natured wit or biting sarcasm, as the occasion warrants. Your judgment, as a rule, can be depended success in business. As a lecturer, teacher, actress, artist, business woman or sales agent you might find your time fully occupied, and your bank account an enviable one. Marriage appears to be the most promising medium for contentment, prosperity and loving devotion.

The child born on May 17, has usually an animated expression that wins it many friends. Generally full of pep, it keeps the household enlivened. As this youngster grows older, it should be well as



SUEDE GLOVES

Stale bread is a good cleaner for light-coloured suede gloves.

GLASSES STUCK TOGETHER

If drinking glasses have become stuck one inside the other and are difficult to separate, fill the inner glass with cold water to make it contract, and place the outer glass

Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY



Dancing on ice has made DOROTHY LEWIS famous at seventeen! She performs daily to appreciative audiences in New York.

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If you journey to the New York World's Fair this coming season, you no doubt will do the high spots of the city as well as the fair grounds! And if you admire dancing on ice skates, you will not miss the delectable young lady, Miss Dorothy Lewis, who fascinates smart diners with her daily appearance on an honest-to-goodness ice rink in one of the fashionable hotels.

Just seventeen (and no fooling!). Dorothy has certainly been

favoured by the gods, who not only endowed her with talent but blessed her with a pretty little head with brains as well. For in Dorothy's own words: "If I am a success, it's pretty much due to exercising all my life and keeping healthy. I love to walk miles at a time, swim, or ride. Bowling is my favourite diversion. I average 160 but have reached 190—and of that I am proud! My smoking averages very few cigarettes a day and I do not drink!"

KEEPS EXERCISING TO LIMBER MUSCLES

Few in the audience would believe that this little ice queen has skated for only three years, and only two of those years professionally. Her amazing muscle control and timing were developed through ballet training which she started at the age of four. She took up skating for exercise—just as she rides and swims—and became so devoted to it that she excelled in the sport and found herself appearing at the Chicago Stadium!

Being clever, as well as talented, she soon began dancing on ice and her ability, youthfulness and unspoiled personality won her an almost instant success.

To-day Dorothy concentrates on keeping very healthy. Good health assures her of a long, thrilling career. So she sleeps a good nine or ten hours after her last performance, eats her meals at regular times and spends up to eight hours a day exercising! Yes, actually! Some of it she takes through re-

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Make it in flat crepe, silk print, thin wool or sharkskin, and later in cottons.



creational sports, some by practising new and old routines, but every day she does slow control calisthenics to keep her muscles limber and to prevent them from knotting.

These two exercises she recommends for young girls. If you wish to develop poise, through muscle control and the acquisition of good posture, Miss Lewis suggests you do these exercises daily.

FOR STOMACH MUSCLES

Lie on the floor (dressed in loose clothing) arms parallel with hips. Slowly (just as slowly as possible) raise your feet and legs up over your head, then lower them just as slowly. Rest. Then repeat. This is excellent to keep the midriff firm and under control! Do it every day until you are able to put your feet and legs up over your head and touch the floor above your head!

LIMBERING AT BAR

Hold onto the back of a steady chair (or a gym bar) and slowly kick a high kick. That is, keep one knee and leg stiff while you slowly push the other leg as high as you can. Lower slowly. Reverse legs and repeat movement.

Then lean forward and kick up in back as far as you can and as slowly as you can. Not easy! But it will develop poise!

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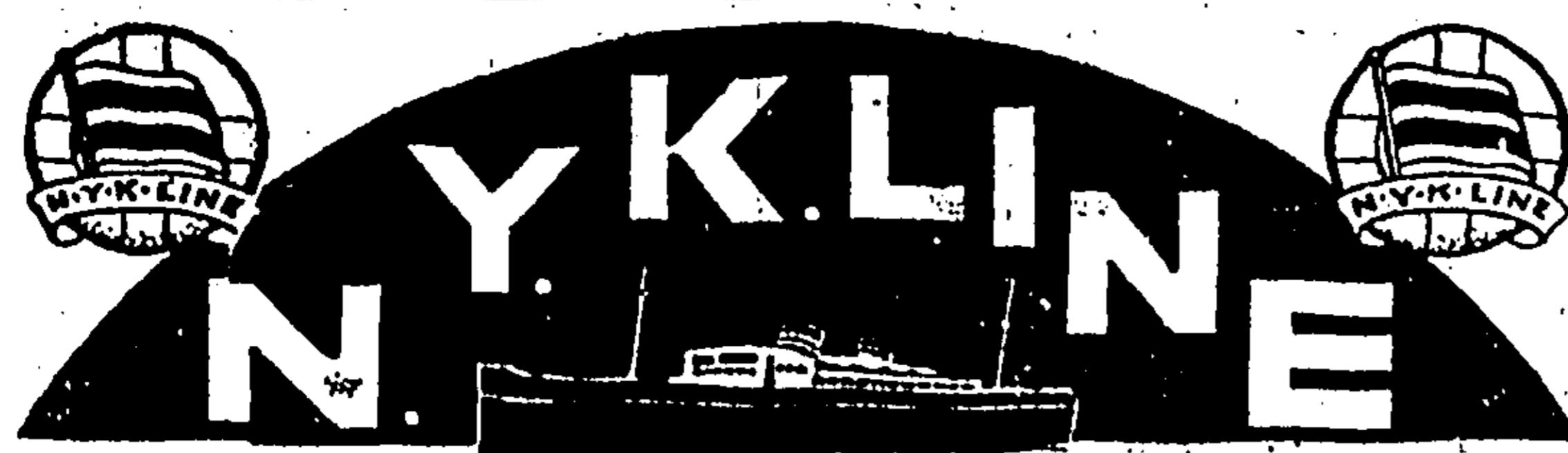
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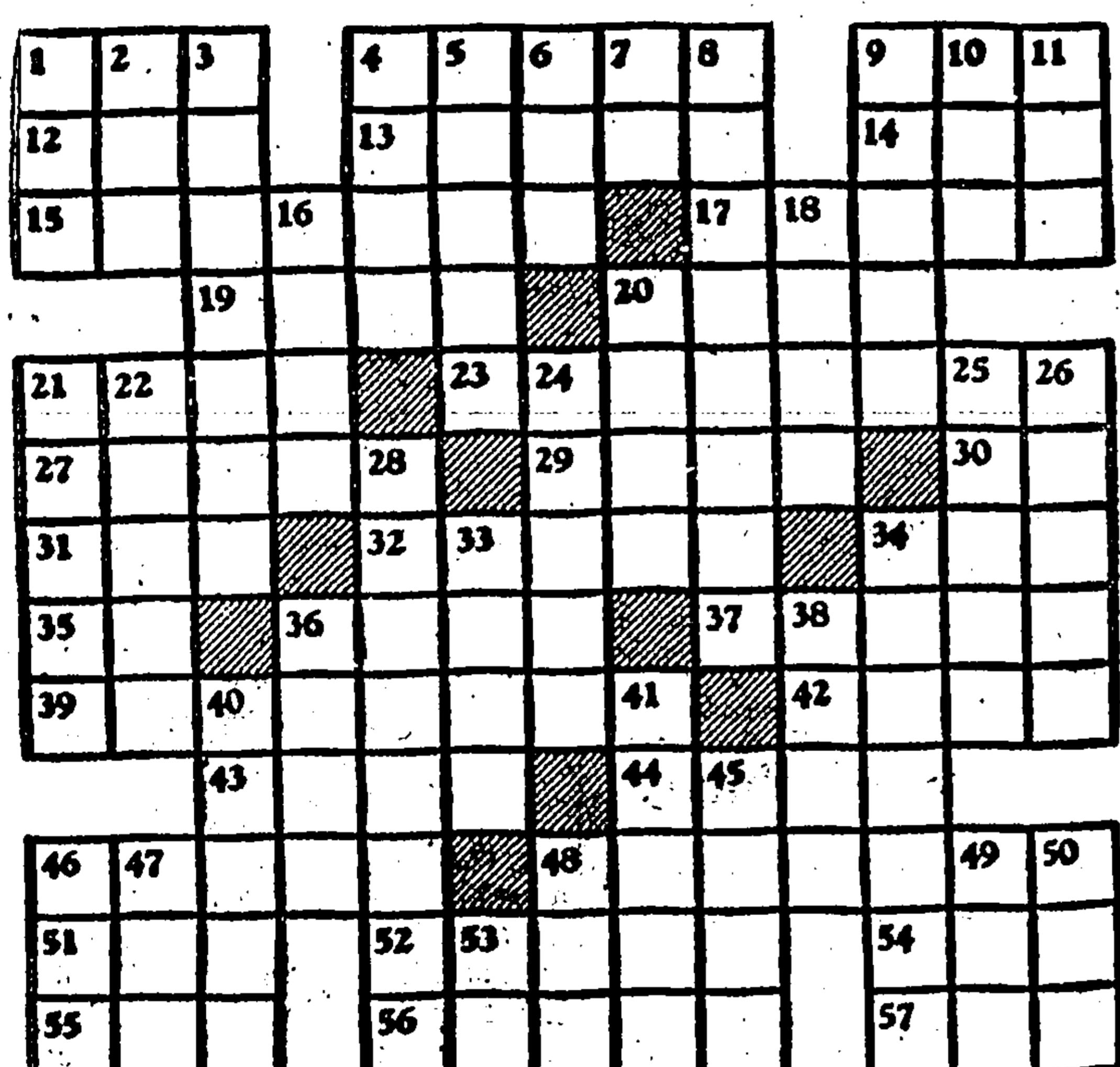
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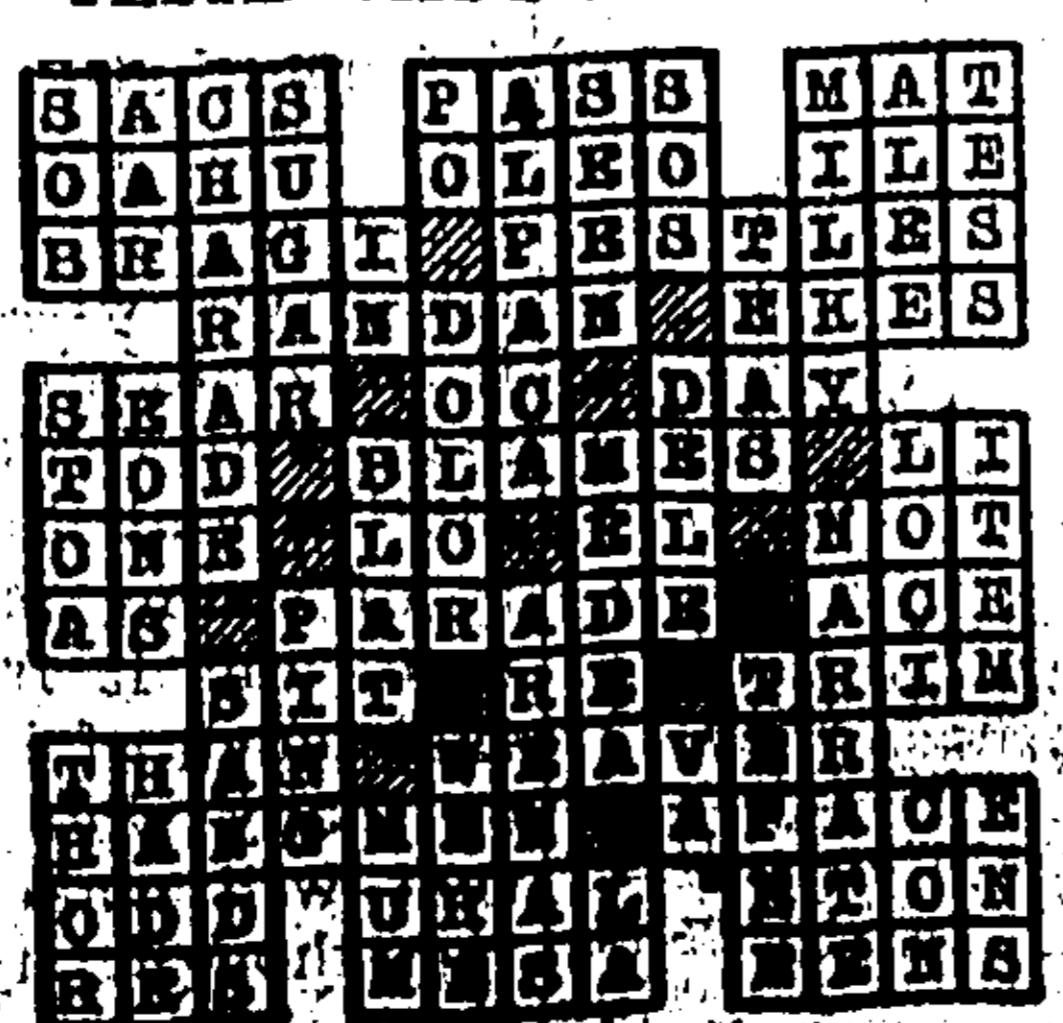
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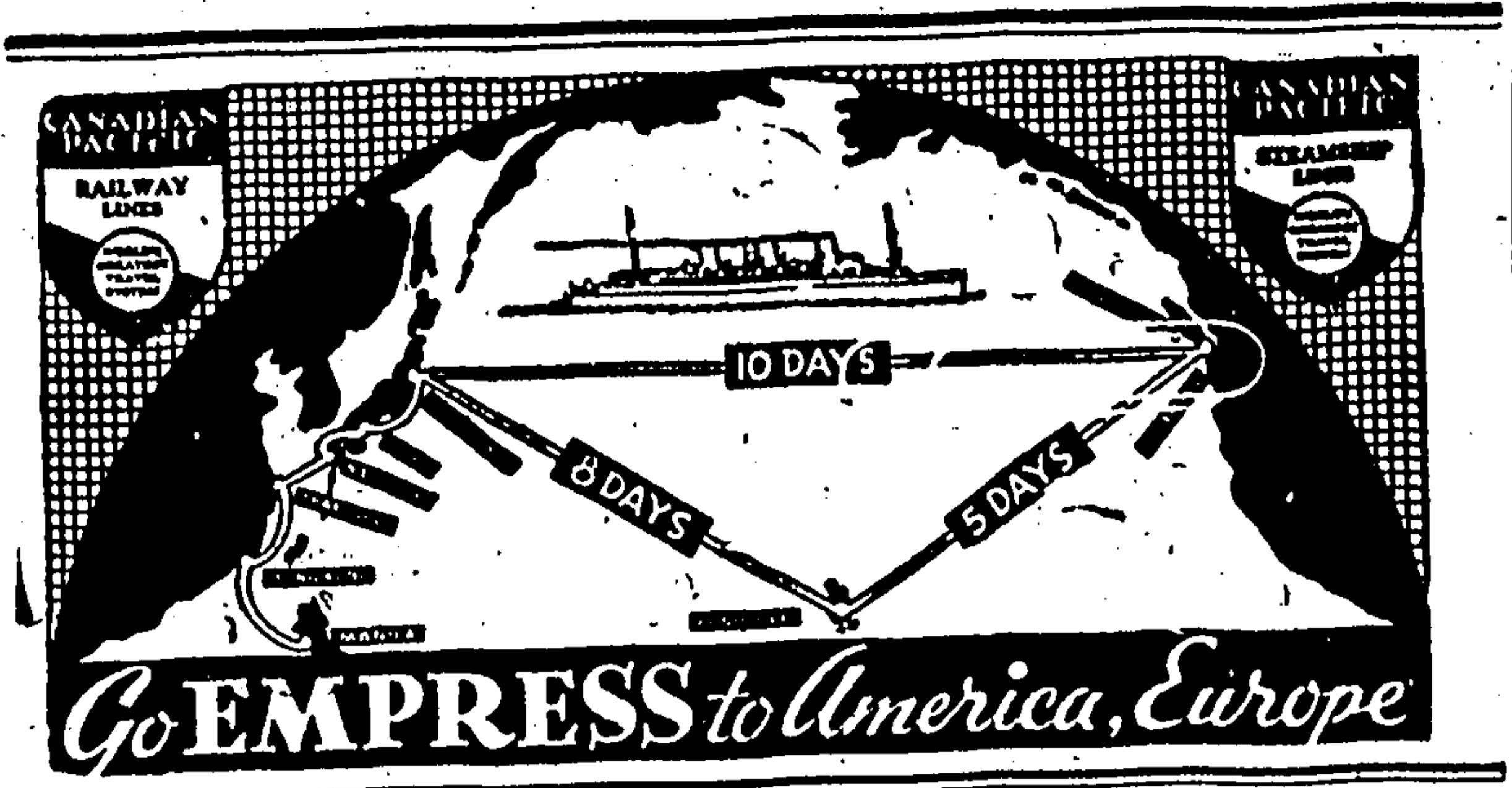
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Canossian Convent 500

Boys' and Girls' Club Association 300

Ministering Children's League 250

CHINA MERCHANTS' CASE ADJOURNED

A petition for the winding up of the Ching Kee Steam Navigation Company Limited was presented at the Supreme Court, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor this morning on behalf of Shiang Kee, otherwise known as the China Merchant Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., a shareholder.

The case was adjourned till July 3.

Messrs Geo. K. Hall Bruton and Co., represented by Mr. D. L. Strellet, were for the petitioners, while Mr. H. J. Armstrong, of Messrs. Deacons, appeared to oppose the application.

TRICK ON HIS TAXI
DANCER FRIEND

Lau Ming, 21, unemployed, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning with obtaining a radio set from No. 174 Wanchai Road, the property of a dancing hostess Fung Man-ling, by false pretences.

It was said that defendant had known complainant for some time. Defendant went to her house and told the amah that he had been instructed by her mistress to take the radio to the Dreamland Dancing Hall. Defendant pawned the set for \$40.

Defendant was remanded 48 hours, to raise money to compensate complainant.

WARMER WEATHER
EXPECTED

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone continues moving eastward and now covers Japan and the adjacent seas. A depression appears to be developing over Mongolia. The depression over Tonkin is deepening and extending to S.W. China.

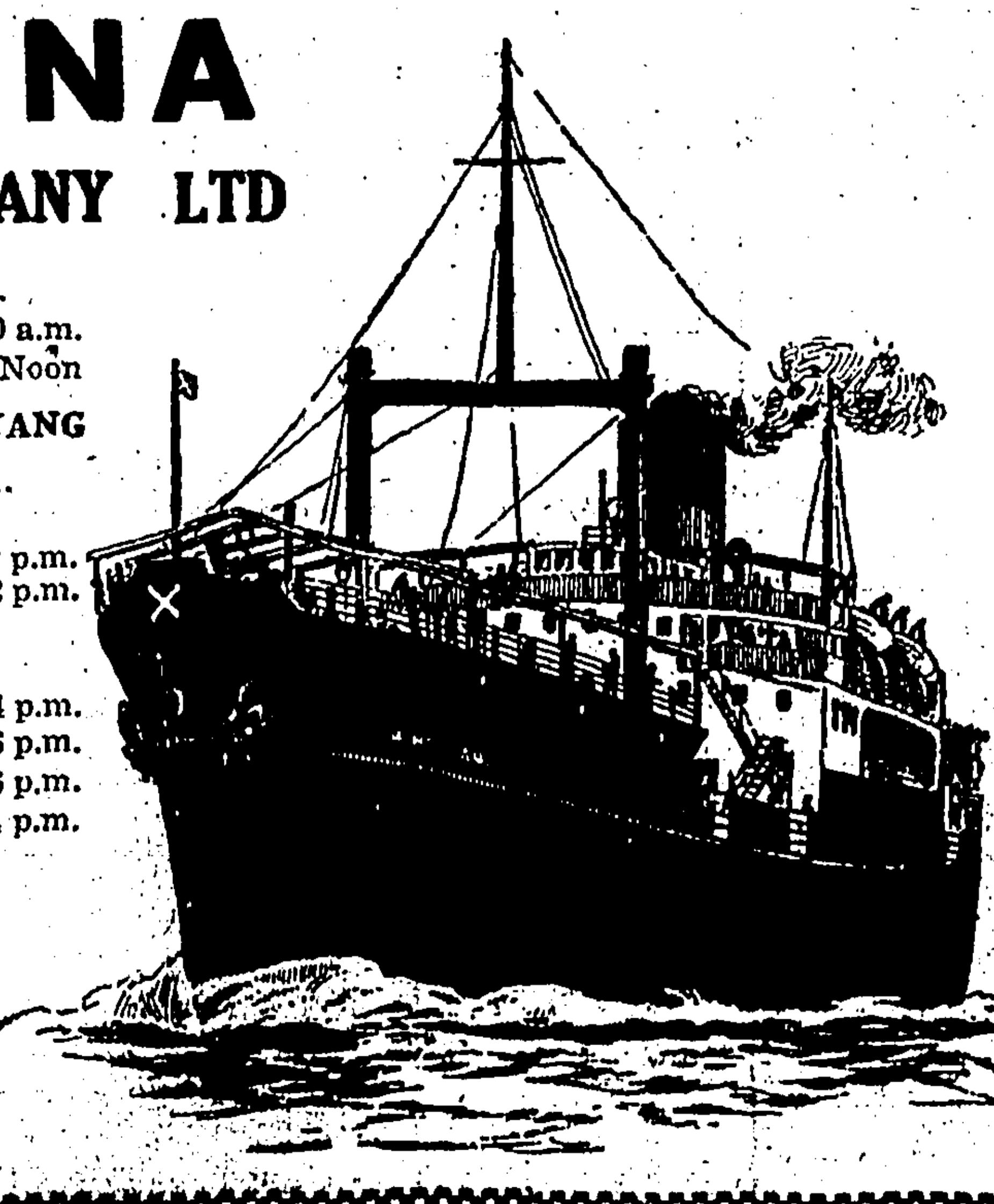
Local Forecast: — E. to S.E. winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy, occasional rain, warmer.

FILM WITH A
PURPOSE

Hollywood is just beginning to see the possibilities of the films as a powerful medium for much-needed social reform. And so, although thousands of feet of celluloid continue to be wasted on "tripe," one now and then sees an occasional film that appears to justify the existence of this major industry.

In this category were such films as "Dead End" and "Blockade"—although the latter was too late to do more than make Mr. and Mrs. Public realise what the war in Spain meant to the people of that tortured country. Also in this category is "One-Third of a Nation" which will be shortly seen in Hong Kong.

Somewhat similar to "Dead End," but taking up another phase of the picture, this Paramount film deals decisively with the slum problem; it suggests a solution which should meet with the approval of both Capitalist and Radical. There is plenty of strong meat about this picture, and it is a sad commentary that much of its lesson will be lost on many who see it. It is a film that will make people think. Having thought, they may do something about it—eventually. In any event, it is a useful straw on the camel's back.—E.G.A.



CHINESE A.R.P. INSTRUCTORS WANTED

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that it is proposed to hold a special course with a view to training twelve Chinese A.R.P. Instructors.

Candidates should be over 25 years of age and should be willing to give A.R.P. lectures in Chinese to the residents of the Colony.

It should be understood that the work is entirely voluntary, and a fee of \$4.00 per lecture is payable from Government funds.

Applications to attend the course should be forwarded direct to the Air Raid Precautions Officer, Colonial Secretary's Office, Hong Kong.

GROWING MENACE OF SUBMARINES

"BRASSEY'S NAVAL ANNUAL" FOR 1939 (WILLIAM CLOWES, 25s) MAKES ITS APPEARANCE THIS YEAR AT AN APPROPRIATE MOMENT, SINCE NAVAL COMPARISONS ARE MUCH IN THE AIR JUST NOW. IT IS EDITED, AS USUAL, BY REAR-ADML. H. G. THURSFIELD. OF ITS 16 ARTICLES 10 RELATE TO THE NAVAL SIDE AND SIX TO NAVAL AIR AFFAIRS.

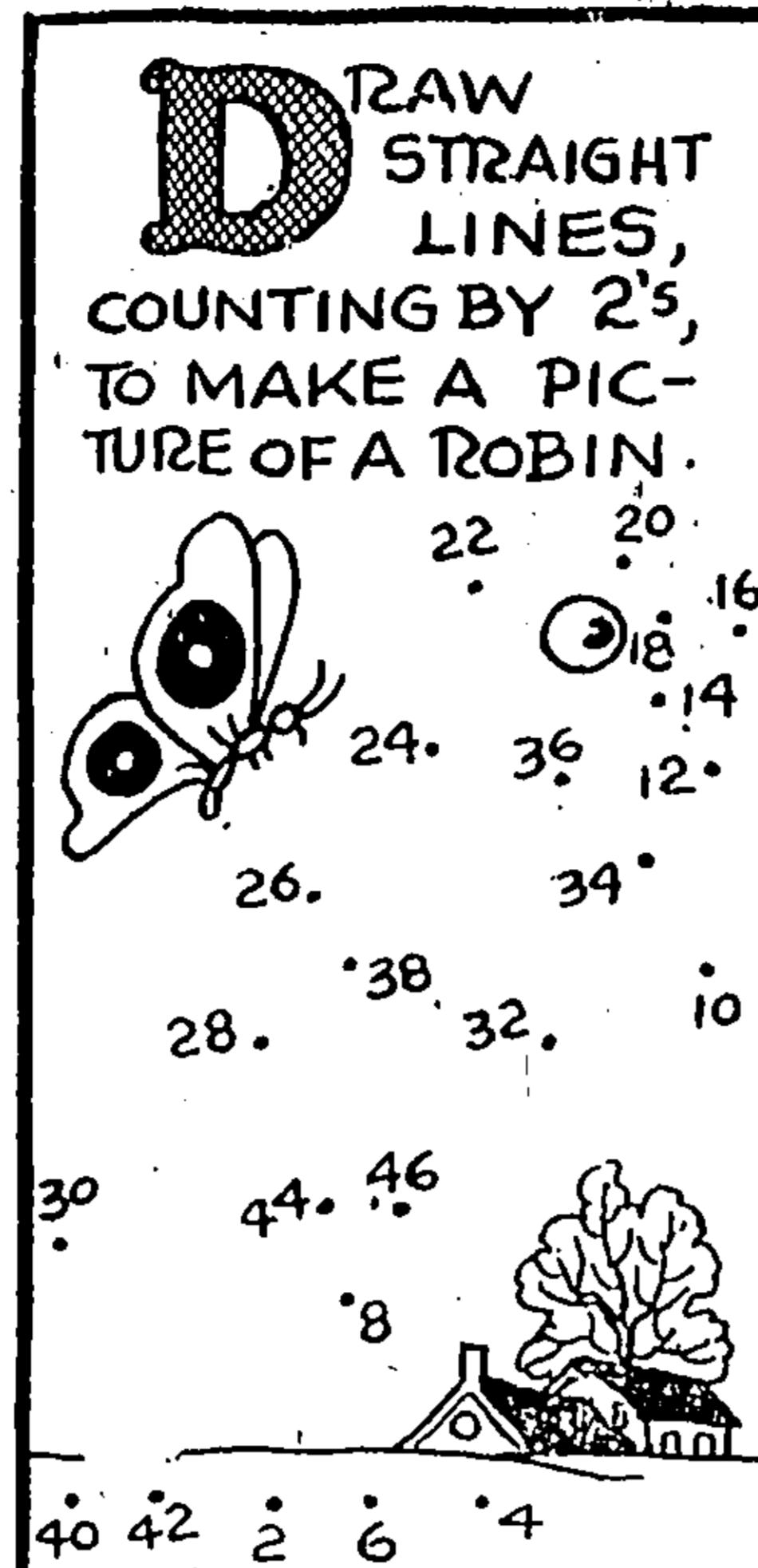
Dealing with "Foreign Navies," Capt. E. Altham, R.N., observes that "the growing submarine flotillas of the present day cannot fail to be a source of anxiety, constituting, as they do, a potential menace to all the sea routes to these islands and through the Mediterranean."

"Scientific methods of dealing with under-water craft have greatly improved, but depend ultimately on a sufficient number of trained men and weapons of the right kind. The training of our Merchant Navy for self-defence is well in hand; it is to be hoped that the personnel and material for attacking these sea pests will be ready and waiting should they be required."

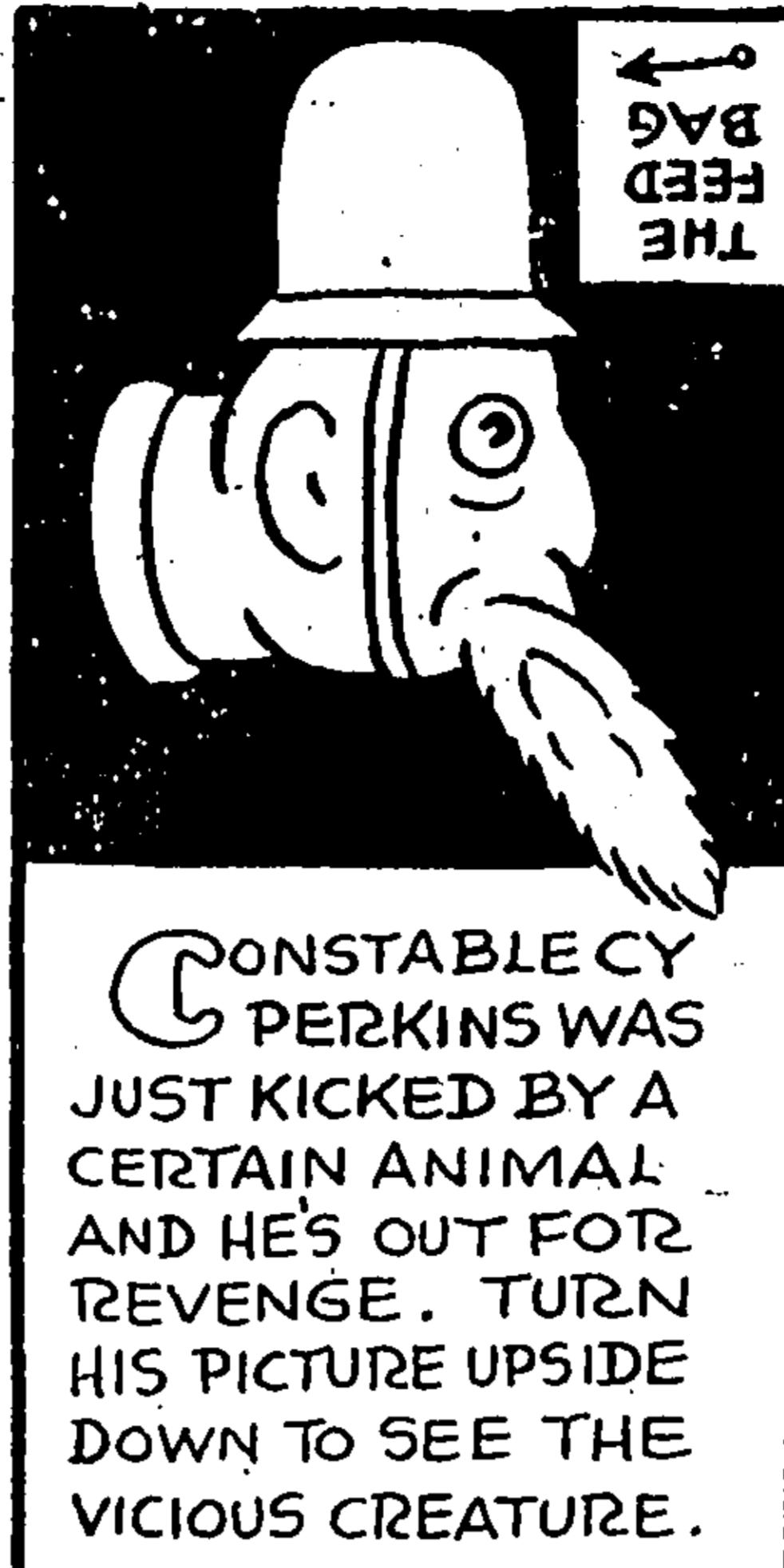
NAZI INSISTENCE

Referring to German insistence on parity with England in submarine tonnage, the same writer remarks: "It is not at all clear what are the 'special circumstances' which justify the increase of submarine tonnage. Recent additions to the Soviet Fleet appear to be the main argument, and in the matter of cruisers it seems quite logical;

CHILDREN'S PUZZLE



Answer to yesterday's puzzle:



You solved it.

BALBO ON ITALIAN AIR STRATEGY

Italian air strategy has not been affected by the Abyssinian, Spanish or Sino-Japanese wars, and recognises that no great Power has yet employed its air forces in a primary role.

This is stated by Marshal Balbo, Governor of Libya, in an article on air warfare which he has recently written for a new Italian encyclopedia.

The article reasserts Italy's belief in Gen. Doubet's theories concerning the supremacy of air-striking but it is well known that the answer to the submarine—which Russia is acquiring in large numbers—is not the submarine."

In an article on "Relative Naval Strength," Mr. G. H. Hurford demonstrates that, as regards European Navies, England laid down in 1937-8 between two and three times the amount of tonnage in battleships, aircraft carriers and cruisers of France, Italy and Germany put together.

forces, and deals with "attacks in mass" and the "moral destruction" of the enemy.

It also describes how an enemy air force can be defeated by the bombing of aircraft factories and storage depots, which, it declares, will be one of the initial tasks of the Italian Air Force in war-time.

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LANCASHIRE FORCED TO FOLLOW-ON AGAINST SOMERSET

Skittled Out For Meagre 181 By Hazell

Yorkshire Score Fine Victory

London, To-day.

LANCASHIRE, always strong contenders for the County Cricket Championship, were given a gruelling time by Somerset in their match at Manchester which concluded yesterday.

Somerset, in nowise upset by the reputations of their opponents, batted first and took heavy toll of the powerful Lancashire attack, Gimblett and the veteran left-hander Frank Lee, both scoring centuries to enable a declaration to be made at 372 for 6.

Hazell, a slow left-hander, then skittled Lancashire out for 181 and this proud county had to suffer the ignominy of following on.

They made no mistake in their second venture, however, and when stumps were drawn, had scored 131 for the loss of only one wicket.

The hand of A. B. Sellars, Yorkshire's skipper, was again evident in the splendid victory of Yorkshire over Kent in one of the many matches interrupted by rain.

Yorkshire could only manage 169 in their first venture to which Kent replied with 100.

With this lead of 69 on the first innings, Yorkshire declared their second innings closed when they were 171 for 9.

With nearly a day and a half to score 240, Kent failed badly before the bowling of Robinson, who took 6 for 42, and were dismissed for 139, leaving Yorkshire victors by 109 runs.

Thanks to a brilliant century by Harry Parks, Sussex compiled a

large first-innings total which proved sufficient to carry them through against Leicestershire in the only other county match with a definite conclusion.

Most notable performances in other matches, none of which reached a definite conclusion, were the second successive century of Creese, the South African left-hander and the fine bowling of the Rev. J. W. J. Steele, for Hampshire.

Two matches were very seriously interfered with by rain.

At Cambridge, the match with Middlesex was abandoned after Middlesex had scored 398 and Cambridge had replied with 244 for 8, Thompson making 133 not out.

At Lord's, the match between M.C.C. and West Indies was left drawn after M.C.C. had scored 435 for 7.

West Indies did not have an opportunity of batting.

At Leicester, Sussex beat Leicester (Continued at foot of Next Col.)



Arthur Wood, the England and Yorkshire wicket keeper, takes his benefit this season. Here he is seen jumping for a high return during practice at Leeds. (Copyright).

SOUTH CHINA WIN BASKETBALL REPLAY

DISPLAYING vast improvement and better combination, South China beat the "Sing Tao Jih Pao" team, by the narrow margin of one point in the re-play for the Colony Open Basketball League Championship last night at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Stadium in Bridges Street.

by 7 wickets.
Leicester—229 and 216.
Sussex—391 for 9 dec. (Harry Parks 141) and 55 for 3.

At Leeds, Yorkshire beat Kent by 109 runs.
Yorks—169 and 171 for 9 dec.
Kent—100 and 139 (Robinson 6 for 42).

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At Manchester, Somerset beat Lancashire on the first innings.
Somerset—372 for 6 dec. (Gimblett 108, Lee 155 not out).
Lancashire—181 (Hazell 7 for 65) and followed on 131 for 1.

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At Chesterfield, Derbyshire beat Surrey on the first innings.
Derbyshire—209 (Gregory 5 for 46) and 63 for 1.
Surrey—199 (Copson 5 for 47).

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At Nottingham, Notts beat Glamorgan on the first innings.
Notts—489 for 7 dec. (Gunn 119).
Glamorgan—180 (Butler 5 for 48, Voce 4 for 43) and followed on 157 for 4.

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At Portsmouth, Hampshire beat Warwickshire on the first innings.
Warwickshire—163 (Steele 6 for 62) and 152 for 5.
Hampshire—259 for 6 dec. (Creese 104).—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

At Lord's—Middlesex v. Northamptonshire.
At Ilford—Essex v. Glamorgan.
At Gillingham—Kent v. Worcestershire.
At Taunton—Somerset v. Sussex.
At Bradford—Yorkshire v. Gloucester.

The winners took the lead from the start with "Sing Tao" drawing level occasionally. By their demonstration last night the winners revealed talent not seen in the Y.M.C.A. Stadium for many a season. "Sing Tao" were outplayed for most part of the game, and had to make several replacements with reserves in the course of the game.

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The winners were also superior in netting the ball and converted all penalties.

Out of 17 penalties awarded, "Sing Tao" managed to convert only 4.

At half time, South China were leading by 24 points to 21, but "Sing Tao" drew level again but were unable to take the lead.

A few seconds before the final whistle when both teams were running neck and neck with 43 points each, "Sing Tao" "fouled" one of the visiting players.

South China converted the penalty, scoring the vital point to give them the Championship.

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CRICKET NOTES

M.C.C. & OVER-PREPARED
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Character Of The Game

So Cricket is at the Cross-Roads again! 'Tis an old song. This time, however, the singer is new. No less a one than Don Bradman, whose interesting article in the current "Wisden" promises more than it fulfils.

Starting with these mysterious Cross-Roads as his text, he fails to tell us where they are, or to prove that our dear old game is really encamped at wherever they may be. These past forty years I've heard, or read, writes E. H. D. Sewell, much the same lament, and still the Game goes on.

For matches that matter — from which I exclude Tests to-a-finish — few grounds can accommodate in anything approaching comfort the crowds that wish to see the play. County clubs that were supposed to be *in extremis* a dozen years or so before the war are still with us. Over thirty-five years ago I shared with Messrs O. R. Borradale and C. P. M'Gahey the toil of composing the circular, and addressing an endless stack of envelopes to people who existed both in and out of Essex, telling them how inexplicable it was to us that they were not members of the Essex County C.C., and how, unless they hurried up, it would be too late, and that simply the county club couldn't carry on without them. In all weathers I bore boundles of these optimistic yet withal rather pitiful missives to the nearest pillar box. How the postmen must have hated us! That was 1901-3-4. The Essex County C.C. is still with us, and has been going very strong of late without quite half of the recipients of those annual *cris du coeur* as members.

Words Of Wisdom

But, if Bradman has started this innings with at least an indifferent stroke, he hit the ball with the middle of the best part of his bat when he wrote: "But I rather doubt whether the big issue is limited or played-out Tests. I think the first consideration is the mental outlook of the individual, who can, if he chooses, spoil any game by his interpretation of its character." Most amateurs and every professional should learn those words by heart. Those batsmen who, knowing they are short, if not devoid, of strokes, let their performances at the crease be governed by "safety-first" law; those bowlers who, lacking length, flight, and changes of pace, do little else but waste time bowling (?) very short, or to a so-called leg-trap, or who try to bowl that ball which is supposed to "run away from" the bat — these are the fellows who "spoil any game," and who certainly have been damaging cricket for many years past.

The siting of four or five slips or of four short-legs is a sure sign of (1) bad captaincy; (2) lack of bowling ability. Yet it is seen daily throughout every season and is warmly applauded by certain writers, who then, failing to note the time wasted because of these positionings, proceed to slate M.C.C., or some county's committee, because the pitch was over-prepared! If (1) and (2) above are present, does it really matter how the wicket was prepared? Since the war (1) and (2) have been seldom absent from the Higher Cricket.

Rhodes, Barnes, Blythe, Mead, Hirst, Faulkner, Richardson, J. T. Hearne, to name only eight bowlers, if they could reappear in this coming season's cricket would occupy the first eight positions in the bowling analyses on September 1, and their runs per wicket would be, on average, no higher than they used to be — probably much lower, considering the difference between the batting in their day and now.

Impracticable Resolution

The parrot-cry about over-preparation of wickets has resulted in the passing of a wholly impracticable resolution at headquarters. The grounds-men are asked to produce a pitch of

fifty-fifty character as between Bat and Ball, and yet not dangerous. When, may one inquire, has any groundsman ever produced, knowingly, a dangerous wicket? This year Middlesex play Hampshire in the Isle of Wight. One wonders what the groundsman there knows about the preparation of one of these fifty-fifty surfaces that, apparently, is to enable the bowler to make four balls per Eight-Ball Over break, while the other four won't do anything the bowler wants them to do, but will be the very thing the batsman dreams about! For, if anybody gets hurt on this Isle of Wight wicket the Hampshire committee has already accepted responsibility, let us note.

The over-prepared wicket gets the amount of notice that it does because it is the easiest way out by way of explanation whenever there is a tall score or a particular match is drawn. Apparently it does not matter if the groundsman is blamed. His name does not appear in the averages. But no blame attaches to length-less, flight-less bowlers, stroke-less batsmen, and dull, unimaginative, take-no-risk captaincy. All of which had as much to do with what has happened as had the super-perfection, alleged, of the wicket. Why there should be all this blaming of the groundsman is not clear. Were there no long scores pre-war, or in the last century? Was there a rumpus when Yorkshire made 887 against Warwickshire in 1896, and when Archie McLaren hit 424 against Somerset in 1895, or when the Players hit 502 for eight in fourth innings at Lord's, or when the Gentlemen made 500 for two wickets against the Players at Lord's in 1903? There was not. The reason was that they played real cricket in those days, and we were not living in an age of cant.

The Fast Left-Hander

The West Indian team is due to land to-morrow, so that I hope next week to be able to comment on how some of them have shaped in that sometimes misleading area, where nets prevent cricketers from getting enough fielding practice. I am particularly interested in the bowling style and method of Johnson, who, I have read, is a fast left-hander, and of Hylton, whose belated inclusion in the team was due, unfortunately, to public clamour. I confess to having much faith in fast left-arm bowling, if it is good. England has not produced the like of George Hirst and Young of Essex since their day, now over thirty years ago. Voce, of Notts, and Clark, of Northants, have been the nearest approach, but it is obvious that they have often been included in the national side more for the sake of variety than anything else. Neither was so fast as Hirst, or anything like his class.

I shall pay as much attention as possible to the workmanship of both Johnson and Hylton, since, should these two prove to be class, and Martindale not have turned the corner, the success of the tour, from the West Indians' point of view, will be assured. Lemur-like activity, and adhesive catching we expect from these fellows as a matter of course. Their batting strength is a secondary consideration when our dearth of bowling is remembered. We must console ourselves by hoping Bowes and Nichols will be quite fit, that Wright will make normal improvement, and that the season will bring forth the "discovery" that is long since due.



An amazing action picture of Johnson, the West Indies fast bowler, during the match at Gravesend against Ames' XI. (Copyright).

WEST INDIES OPENING
MATCHES

London, May 4.—The West Indies met a team captained by Ames the Kent and England wicket-keeper, at Gravesend yesterday. Although the weather was fine the tourists must have suffered badly from a cold wind, and it was not surprising that Ames's side scored 278 for six wickets in two hours and forty minutes before declaring.

A feature of the game was the alertness of the West Indies in the field, and their smart picking up saved many runs. Of the Indies bowlers, Johnson (fast left hand) impressed most. Constantine, though not so fast as in previous years, kept the batsmen fairly quiet. Fagg showed good form, and Ames and Woolley, never neglecting a scoring opportunity, put on 86 in three-quarters of an hour for the third stand. Barrow and Stollmeyer, batting carefully, gave the West Indies a good start by scoring 91 for the opening stand. The tourists finished 53 behind with seven wickets in hand.

AMES'S XI

	WEST INDIES	Total
Fagg, b Clarke	33	
W. H. V. Levett, c Gomez, b Jackson	19	
Woolley, b Stollmeyer	59	
Ames, b Constantine	116	
Todd, b Grant	6	
R. E. Evans, b Constantine	24	
Wright, not out	9	
G. Osborne, not out	7	
Extras	7	
Total for six wickets	278	
(Innings declared closed).		
Freeman (A. P.), Watt, and Lewis		
did not bat.		

WEST INDIES

	WEST INDIES	Total for eight wickets	Johnson did not bat.
J. Stollmeyer, run out	87		
I. Barrow, b Lewis	39		
J. E. D. Sealey, b Lewis	21		
G. Gomez, not out	54		
K. H. Weekes, not out	8		
Extras	16		
Total for three wickets	225		
C. B. Clarke, T. Johnson, E. A. Martindale, R. S. Grant, L. S. Constantine, and G. Headley did not bat.			

ARMY V. WEST INDIES

	ARMY	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Johnson		4	0	15	0	
Williams		4	0	18	3	
Hylton		5.7	0	20	3	
Stollmeyer		10	0	43	3	
Cameron		5	1	16	1	
Grant		2	0	10	0	
Gomez		1	1	0	0	
Freeman (West Indies)						
Steele		15	1	64	5	
Magill		0	0	36	2	
Melsome		4	0	19	0	
Turner		8	0	13	0	
Extras		4	0	80	0	

HOME TENNIS

CLOSING STAGES OF HARDCOURT TOURNEY

London, May 5.—There will be an all-Chinese men's singles final in the British hard court championships at Bournemouth to-morrow between Kho Sin Kie, the holder, and W. C. Choy. These two were responsible for the elimination of the last British representatives, C. E. Hare and Donald Macphail, Scottish champion, in the semi-finals yesterday.

It was, too, a problem for our British Davis Cup selectors, for Hare, who was expected to meet Kho in the final, proved disappointing in his play against Choy, who won 0-6, 10-8, 6-1, 9-7. The Englishman took the first easily enough. In fact, he started with three service aces in the first game, and lost only 10 points in the whole set.

Choy, however, with his careful, studious methods, settled down in the second, and by deep drives to Hare's backhand, went ahead at 5-3. Hare fought well, but in the eleventh game Choy missed three set points, and eventually Hare went in front at 7-6, and himself lost a point which would have given him the set. Choy levelled and won the second set at 10-8.

It seemed as if Hare had lost most of his fire after Choy had taken an easy third set, but the Englishman came back strongly in the fourth, and let at 5-4 and again at 7-6, but it was Choy's steadiness which told, and in the end Hare's game lost its accuracy.

Easier Task For Kho

Kho had an easier task against Macphail, for the Scot could not match the

delicate drop shots and lobs of the Chinese. Macphail was plucky, and tried to retrieve everything, but he was often caught on the wrong foot, and Kho won in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3.

The last four in the women's singles are Miss M. C. Scriven (holder), Miss K. E. Stammers, Miss M. E. Lumb, and Mrs. R. Ellis. Miss Scriven faces a stiff task, for she will be called upon to face Miss Stammers, who defeated Mrs. D. L. Little, formerly Miss Dorothy Round.

The champion had a great fight against Miss Nuthall before winning in three sets, and Miss Stammers was probably the more impressive by the manner in which she beat Mrs. Little. Miss Stammers's varied play—her exploitation of the drop shot was magnificent—enabled her to win the first set 6-2 without much difficulty, but in the second Mrs. Little's determination was such that Miss Stammers had to go to the twelfth game before taking the set and match.

Miss M. E. Lumb, British squash rackets champion, will meet Mrs. Ellis (Senorita Lizana) in the other semi-final.

HORACE LINDRUM'S BIG BREAK AT CAPETOWN

Capetown, May 4.—In a snooker match here with Melbourne Inman, Horace Lindrum went to the table after Inman had taken one red without a colour, and took the remaining 14 reds and all the colours to make a break of 114.

The South African record break at snooker is held by Joe Davis, who, in July 1937, made an unofficial world record break of 141 at Maritzburg, beating his previous best effort of 135.—Press Association.

KOTEWALL CUP REPLAY

The decisive game of the Kotewall Charity Cup series, between Royal Navy and South China, will be played this afternoon at Caroline Hill at 5.15 p.m.

Unless the Chinese field a stronger side than they did last Saturday the Navy should be able to win the trophy for the first time.

It is interesting to note that South China have not yet won this competition.

An annexation of this trophy will give the Chinese a clean sweep of all the major football competitions, this season.

League Tennis

Present indications make it highly improbable that there will be any League tennis this afternoon.

The following is the programme of "C" Division matches down for decision, together with the remainder of the week's programme.

TO-DAY

C.C.C.	v	C.B.A.
C.R.C.	v	K.T.G.C.A.
C.D.R.	v	S.C.A.A.
R.P.S.C.	v	I.R.C.

TO-MORROW

"D" Division (1)	
K.T.G.C.A.	v I.R.C. (B)
K.D.R.C.	v K.C.C.
Y.M.C.A.	v K.I.T.C.

"D" Division (II)	
I.R.C. (A)	v C.R.C.
C.D.R.	v S.C.A.A.
R.P.S.C.	v C.S.C.C.

FRIDAY

Mixed Doubles	
K.C.C. (B)	v C.R.C.
U.S.R.C.	v C.D.R.
H.K.C.C.	v K.C.C. (A)

H.K.E.R.C. BOWLS TEAM

Following will represent H.K.E.R.C. in their Third Division lawn bowls match against Stanley.

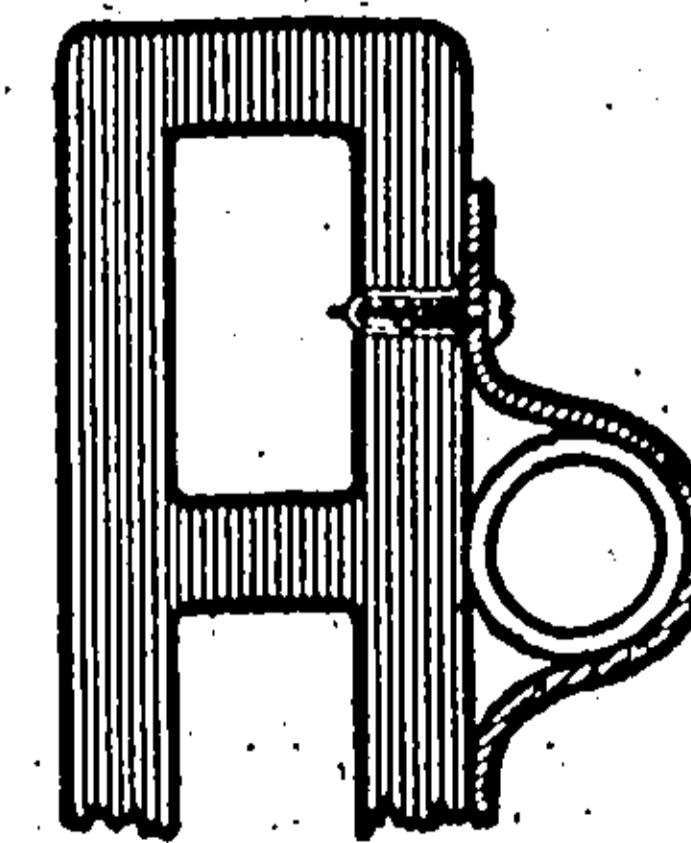
J. F. Barron, J. R. Way, S. Deacon and W. H. B. Musket (skip).
R. C. Butler, A. G. Gardner, A. F. Paul and J. K. Sloan (skip).
G. G. S. Thomson, W. M. Baker, G. T. Padgett and L. de Rome (skip).
Reserve:—W. MacFarlane.

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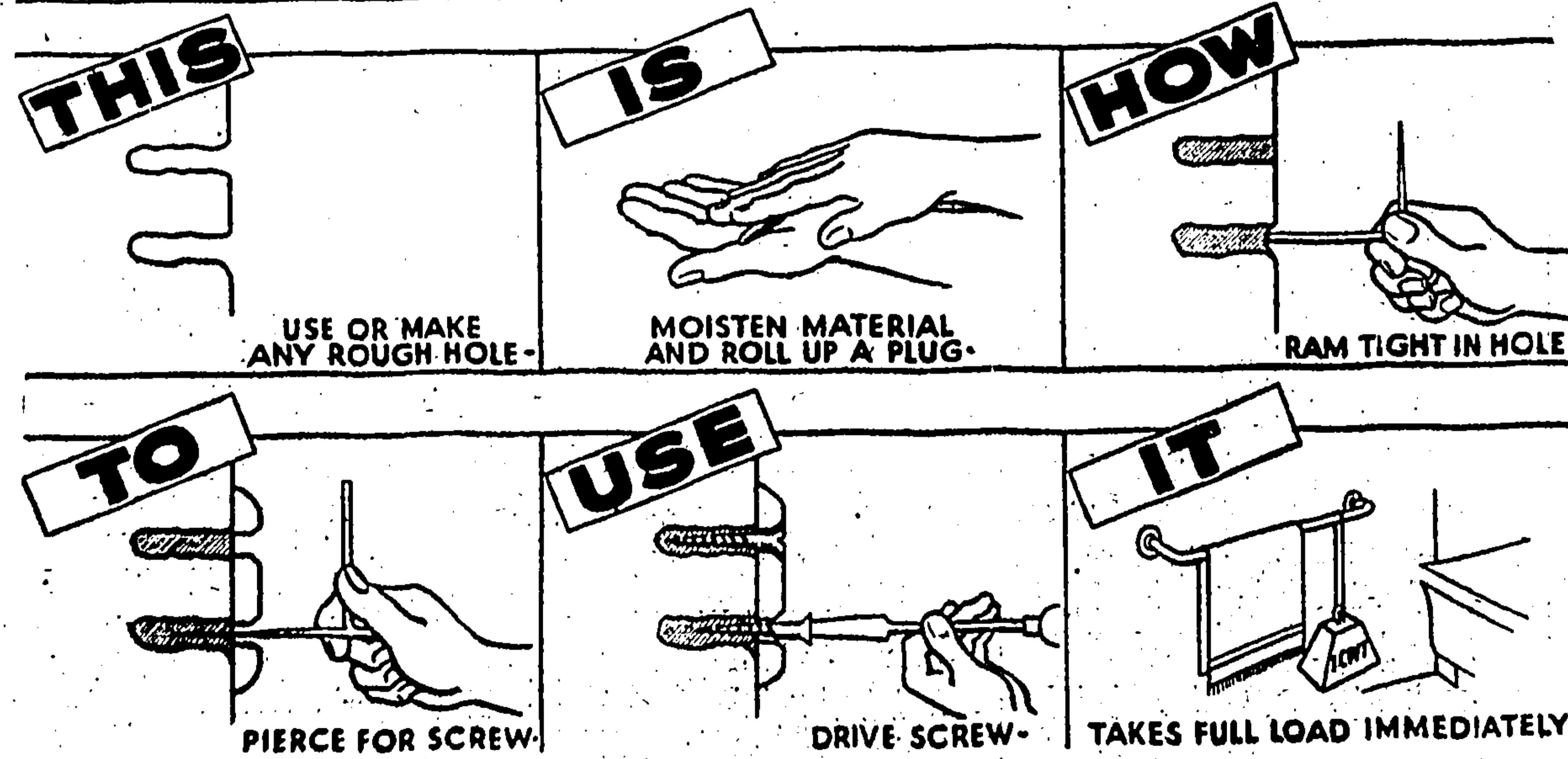
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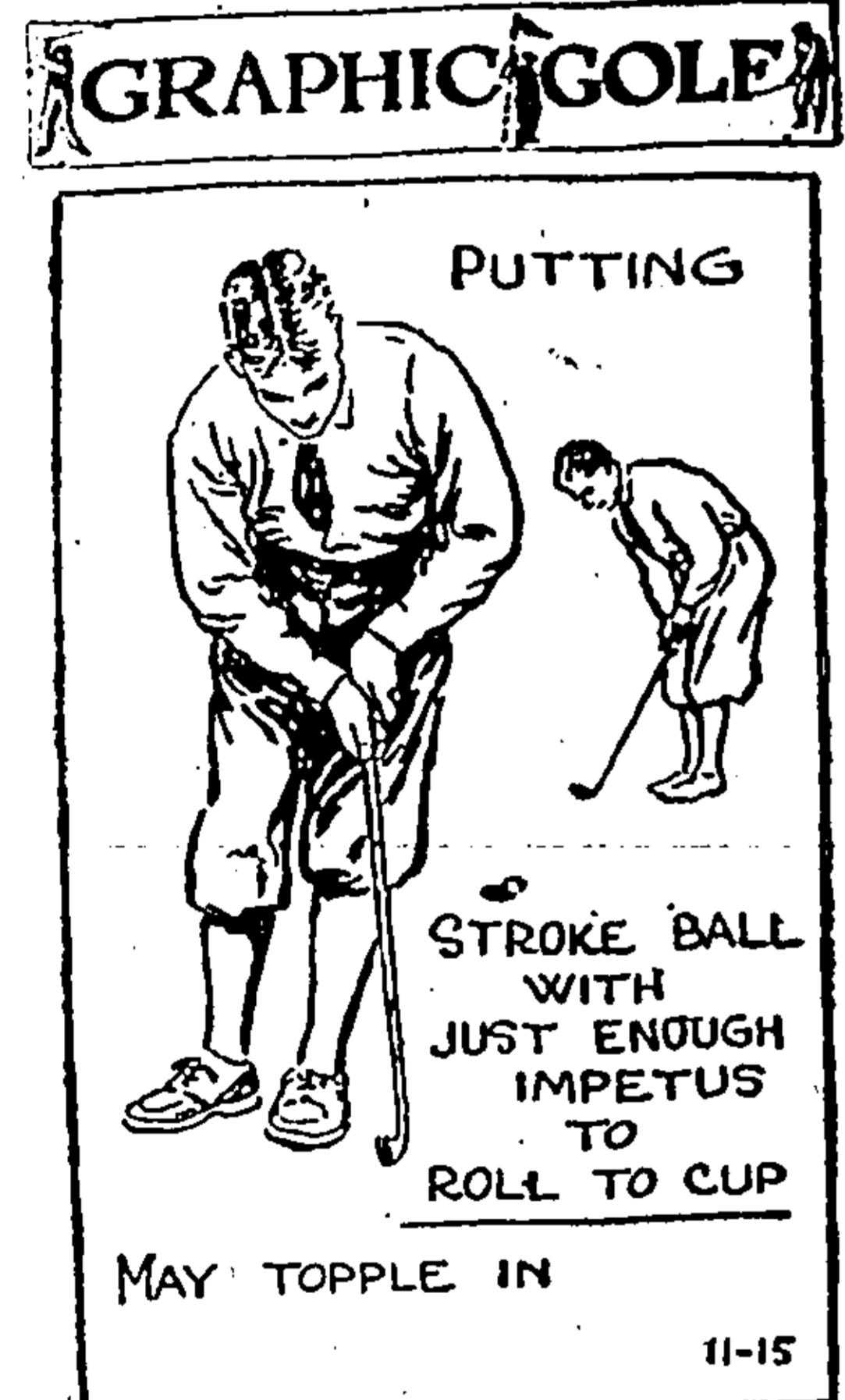
Unless the weather clears considerably, there is every likelihood that the exhibition matches arranged for this afternoon will be cancelled, Mr. T. A. Pearce, Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong L.T.A., told the "China Mail" this morning.

Meanwhile, the American Mail Line, states that the President Pierce will not arrive here until 3 p.m.

PUTTING TACTICS

By BEST BALL

Golfers vary in their views about the amount of power to impart to their putting stroke. Some like to hit boldly for the hole so that the ball is certain of travelling the full distance to the cup and oftentimes, if they miss, a good distance beyond. Like a Wall street operator they hate to be caught short preferring a



turn putt back to the hole if they miss. They also consider that the ball has a better chance of holding the line if there is some speed back of it.

The light stroker on the other hand has a keen dislike of overrunning and this caution sometimes leaves the ball considerably short of its destination. Between these two lies a medium, which at times has made many a golfer happy. This is to stroke the ball squarely in the back with just enough momentum to let the ball die at the hole. Thus, even though the line of the putt may be a trifle off, the wobble as it ceases its momentum at the end of its journey may cause it to topple into the cup from either side.

Friday—Wrist Action.

BOWL TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

SECOND DIVISION C.C.C.

J. H. Xavier, D. A. Rozario, H. W. Randall and M. A. R. Souza (skip). A. J. Coelho, F. X. Delgadio, M. J. Medina and J. Cavanagh (skip).

W. J. Penny, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, T. Locke and W. K. Way (skip).

THIRD DIVISION C.C.C.

S. R. Solina, Van der Lely, A. B. Hamson and G. Ladd (skip). E. MacNay, F. Petersen, Dr. C. W. Lam and John Pau (skip). G. S. Payne, E. Kerrison, W. McNeill and A. E. S. Alves (skip).

ROGER WETHERED CAPTAIN-ELECT

St. Andrews, May 3.

BIG political questions, ball restrictions and amateur status, are the subject of investigation at present by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, but in neither case was the inquiry sufficiently advanced for report to the business meeting of the Club held here to-day.

In connection with both issues, a great deal of information has been obtained from the various organisations at home and overseas, from whom views were sought.

In regard to amateur status, on which inquiry is practically complete, supplementary information is now being taken on one or two points. The opinions obtained on both main subjects as the result of what has been virtually a worldwide inquiry, have now to be sorted out, and it may be ready for presentation when the members meet again in September.

The only golf politics before to-day's meeting was the confirmation of the 14 clubs limitation, which was placed on the Statute Book of the game last September. That restriction, which becomes one of the basic regulations of golf, like the specification of the ball, the size of the hole and so on, is now operative and will be inaugurated by the R. and A. themselves in their Medal Meeting to-morrow.

Wethered's "Spiritual Home"

Whatever may transpire politically at the September meeting, it will be distinguished by the decision taken at to-day's session to make Roger Wethered the Captain-Elect. The nomination for this high office in the world of games lies with the past-captains of the club, and their choice of Wethered when intimated to-day was received with acclamation.

Though this famous English golfer is now 40, he is, outside of the Royal captains who have acted since the war, one of the youngest nominees who have been honoured. He succeeds Colonel H. H. Sutherland, a popular local golfer who is an unusual holder of the office in that he is a left-hander.

Wethered will be an interesting figure in the September ceremony when he drives himself into the captaincy on

this classic course, for so far as golf is concerned he will be coming back to his spiritual home.

Immortal Bad Luck

It was on the Old Course that Wethered did some of his greatest things, and missed by an immortal bit of bad luck what would have been his greatest of all. The latter reference is, of course, to the Open Championship of 1921, when even penalised by a stroke for accidentally treading on his ball he still tied with the St. Andrews American, Jock Hutchison, who won on the play off, and gave the British Cup the first of its several Atlantic crossings.

That would have been a wonderful triumph for Wethered had that fateful stroke not intervened, and a welcome score for the R. and A., of which he had become a member only the year before. Wethered and Tolley emerged into national notice from the Oxford University team just after the war. In those days these youths were news with Tolley's success in the 1920 Amateur Championship and the Wethered sensation in 1921. Both remained on the national scene for years afterwards. Wethered won the Amateur Championship at Deal in 1923 with as fine golf as I have seen in the event. I remember the deft short game, the artistry of the little pitches, which he exhibited at that time.

The Great Jones Year

Twice afterwards he was runner-up in the Amateur Championship, and the more historic occasion of the two was in 1930, when Bobby Jones defeated him in the final here, to complete the first stage of his four-championships

WALTER HAGEN AND RYDER CUP

New York, May 4.—Walter Hagen, captain of the United States Ryder Cup team which will defend the trophy over the Ponte Vedra course, Jacksonville, Florida, on November 18 and 19, believes that the United States will need the strongest team in history to win the Ryder Cup this year.

Hagen, discussing the matches, says: "With the material available for the Ryder Cup team in England, there is no doubt in my mind that we will need the strongest team we have ever had if we are to have a chance of winning this year."

in-one-season phenomenon—British and American.

Wethered played in five Walker Cup contests against the United States on both sides of the Atlantic and in an unofficial match as well, and those who were here in 1923 when Britain seemed to have the match won and were beaten in the end will remember the dramatic finish in the leading match, when Francis Ouimet finished in 3 4 3 to halve with Wethered who was two up with three to play.

They used to argue for Wethered's inclusion in Walker Cup teams, even when his form had deteriorated, on his knowledge of and record on the Old Course alone. Among the R. and A. medals which he has won, four in all, was the Royal medal the premier trophy in 1923 with a grand 72 and again two years ago with 73.

His election took place to-day in his absence for he is not among the 107 competitors listed for the Medal meeting to-morrow. The entry includes Leonard Crawley who is the best-known player from the South and a number of prominent Scottish members.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The following alterations and additions to classification lists of H. K. Jockey Club is dated March, 20.

Australian Ponies—Ajax, to C Class; Brutus, to C Class; Magic, to C Class.

China Ponies—Gog, to D Class; Heddon, to D Class; The Tress, to D Class.

GIRLS' SCHOOL TAKE UP LACROSSE

Lacrosse is very much in evidence at the Haberdasher Aske's School at Acton, where the game is included in the curriculum. Our photograph shows a big class under instruction at the school. (Copyright, Fox).



Empire Exchange
And Other
London Relays

Today's Wireless

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Sea Shanties.
Who Sails With Drake (Candish); A Wet Sheet And A Flowing Sea (Lloyd)... Royal Naval Singers, Portsmouth. Cond. by C. T. Lee, R.N.
Songs Of The Sea (arr. Terry). Intro: Whisky Johnny; Sally Brown; Let the Bulging Run; Blow My Bully Boys; Billy Boy; Johnny Come Down to Hilo; Blow the Man Down; Rio Grande... Royal Naval Singers (Portsmouth) Cond. by C. T. Lee, R.N.
12.45 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ. Keep Smiling! (Reginald Foort's Signature Tune).
Toy Land Medley. Intro: Teddy Bears' Picnic; Wedding of the Painted Doll; Parade of the Tin Soldiers; Punch and Judy Show; The Toy Train... with Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra, London.
Leslie Stuart Selection. Intro: Soldiers of the King; Tell me, pretty maiden; In the shade of the Palm; Little Dolly Daydream; Sweetheart May; Lily of Laguna.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.
I'm Getting Sentimental Over You—Swing Step; Shy—Quickstep; Once In A While—Slow Fox-Trot; Gian-

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nina Mia—Waltz (film 'Firefly'); I'll Write A Love Song—Quickstep (from 'It's in the Bag'); My Secret Love Affair—Slow Fox-Trot (film 'Lovely to Look at'); Dance The Moonlight Waltz With Me—Waltz; I Still Love To Kiss You Goodnight—Slow Fox-Trot (film '52nd Street'); Maria, My Own—Rumba.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Latest Variety.
Cinema Organ—Dancing Time No. 5: The Fox-Trot—Grandma Said; I miss you in the morning; The Waltz—I shall always remember you smiling; Where the Shannon flows down to the Sea... Reginald Dixon.
Vocal—Dis-Moi Pourquoi (French film 'La Goualeuse'); Le Bonheur Est Entre Dans Mon Coeur (French film 'La Goualeuse')... Lys Gauty with Orchestra.
Dance Orch.—To Mother—With Love—Fox-Trot... Billy Cotton & His Band.
Vocal—Violin In Vienna (Strauss-Dale)... Al Bowly with Orch.
Dance Orch.—Romany—Fox-Trot; Lovely—Fox-Trot... Geraldo & His Orchestra.
Vocal—Rhythm Of The Waves (Klein, Koki & Stewart); The Island Of Maui Hula (Johnson &

Noble... Tony Martin with Manne Klein & His Swing-a-Hulas.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Essie Ackland (Contralto) and Stuart Robertson (Baritone). A Summer Night (A. Goring Thomas)... Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Organ accomp. by Herbert Dawson.

Songs That Everybody Should Know. Intro: Here's a health unto His Majesty; Queen Bottles; Massa's in de cold, cold ground; Come Landlord fill the flowing bowl; Who's dat a-calling; What shall we do with drunken sailor; Will ye no come back again; Goodnight, Ladies... Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.

A Song Of Thanksgiving (Allitsen); Sweet And Low (Barnby, arr. Forwood)... Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Piano and Organ.

6.20 p.m.—Walton—Façade Suites Nos. 1 & 2. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by William Walton.

6.45 p.m.—London Relay—'Just Off Piccadilly' by James Parish. Characters: The Man; The Woman; The Stranger. Scene: A room in an empty house. Production by John Richmond.

7.05 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.07 p.m.—Jack Jackson & His Orchestra with Frances Day and Ike Hatch. Fox-Trots—Som Other Time; Gypsy Violin... Jack Jackson & His Orch. What Is This Thing? (film 'Temptation'); Show Me The Way To Romance (film 'Temptation')... Frances Day (Soprano) with Orch.

Fox-Trots—He Kissed Maggie, Maggie Kissed Him Back; Just As Long As The World Goes 'Round and Around... Jack Jackson & His Orchestra.

There's A New World (from 'Okay For Sound')... Ike Hatch (Vocal) with Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—'At The Black Dog'. Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Mozart—Symphony No. 41

11 p.m.—Close down.

Mozart's
"Jupiter"
Symphony

In C Major, K. 551 ("Jupiter"). The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.

8.31 p.m.—Excerpts from Mozart's Operas.

"Die Entführung aus dem Serail"—Marterl Aller Arten... Margherita Perras (Soprano) with Berlin State Opera Orchestra.

"Don Giovanni"—Madamina... F. Ollendorff (Bass) with Piano Accompaniment. Give Me Thy Hand, O Fairest... Erna Berger (Soprano) & Heinrich Schlusnus (Baritone) with Orch.

"The Marriage of Figaro"—The Letter Duet... Viorica Ursuleac (Soprano) and Erna Berger (Soprano) with Orchestra.

I'll Have Vengeance... A. Kipnis (Bass) and E. Ruzicka (Mezzo-Soprano) with Berlin State Opera Orchestra.

Grant, O Love; Vanish'd Are Ye... Tiana Lemnitz (Soprano) & The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra.

9 p.m.—London Relay—'Empire Exchange'. Points of view by travellers from the Dominions & Colonies.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.30 p.m.—Old Song Favourites. Carry Me Back To Old Virginny (arr. Hill Billies)... The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accompaniment.

Old Timers—Vocal Gems. Intro: Won't You Come Home, Bill Bailey; The Ship I Love; Git yer 'air Cut; Champagne Charlie; After the Ball; Break the News to Mother; Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay... The Big Four (Vocal Quartette) with Piano.

The Chestnut Tree (Kennedy, Connor & Kennedy); Let's All Sing Like The Birdies Sing (Damerell & Hargreaves); She Was One Of The Early Birds (Connor); In The Shade Of The Old Apple Tree (Williams—Van Alstyne)... The Audience Of The Paramount Theatre, London, led by Al Bellington at the Organ.

9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 p.m.—A Request Programme.

8.03 p.m.—Mozart—Symphony No. 41

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South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
North-South 30 on score

♠ J 7 5
♥ 9 3
♦ A K 8 6
♣ A 7 4 2

♠ 10 4
♥ A K Q 10
♦ 6 2
♣ 9 5 3

♠ A K 2
♥ J 8 5
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ K 10 3

Mr. Lightner

The bidding:
South West North East
10 10 30 Pass
40 Pass Pass

While most players would have adopted the obvious method of trying to establish the thirteenth club in dummy for a discard of the losing spade, Theodore Lightner, undoubtedly one of our greatest experts, was quick to perceive a different way of making his four-diamond contract. West opened the King of hearts, and when East gave a high-low signal, continued with two more rounds of the suit. The third heart lead was trumped with dummy's diamond Ace and three rounds of trumps were then taken. Mr. Lightner now had the certain knowledge that West's original holding had included six hearts and three diamonds. Hence, he could hold only four cards in the other two suits. As a further clue, it seemed unlikely that West could have held

would have led it as a desperate defensive measure. Thus the club suit could not be divided.

Proceeding on this hypothesis, Mr. Lightner next cashed the Ace and King of clubs and then played his one remaining trump. Now East had to let go of a club in order to hold on to three spades to the Queen. Mr. Lightner then threw East on lead with the club Queen and that hapless opponent was forced to lead from his Queen of spades up to dummy's Jack to give Mr. Lightner the last three tricks and his contract.

You were Merwin Maier's partner yesterday and held:

♠ A K Q 10
♥ A x x
♦ x x x
♣ x x x

The bidding went:
Schenken You Deinations Maier
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠
Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two spades. This is one of the rare occasions when it is proper to rebid a good four-card suit. You cannot possibly make game unless your partner is strong enough to make another bid.

Score 100% for two spades, 75% for three clubs, 40% for two no-trump (an overbid), 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 101

You are the dealer and hold:

♠ A K x x
♥ A K Q J x x
♦ A x
♣ x x

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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What's On At the Cinemas

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AT THE MAJESTIC—"Spring Madness", with Maureen O'Sullivan and Lew Ayres in the leading roles, offers a new and sophisticated slant on the contemporary American college scene. The picture presents the problem of a boy and girl on the threshold of stepping from the campus into a broader world and faced with the difficulties of marriage on a small income.

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AT THE CATHAY—"Empress Wu Chieh-tien". Lavish and spectacular presentation of a thrilling episode in

ancient Chinese history. Directed by the man who made "Sable Cicada," which is even now enjoying a New York run, "Empress Wu" is the high-water mark of Chinese film production. Mandarin dialect, but with English subtitles.

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PROSECUTION UNDER NEW ORDINANCE

First prosecution under the Adoption Ordinance since registration was enforced, was heard at Kowloon this morning before Mr. E. Hinsworth when a woman was charged with failing to report the change of her address while her 16-year-old adopted daughter was registered as a "Ward," and with ill-treating her.

Inspector H. W. Fraser, of the S.C.A. disclosed that altogether 15 girls, registered as adopted, have been removed with their guardians to unknown addresses and the S.C.A. has been unable to trace them.

This case, he said, was the result of a complaint made by the girl to the S.C.A. yesterday.

She was fined \$20 or two weeks' hard labour on the first charge and \$50 or one month on the second.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN CENTRAL HUPEH

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DECISIVE STAGE NOT REACHED

The decisive stage, it is stressed, has not yet been reached, and is not expected within the next three days.

Meanwhile the Chinese are prepared to either counter-attack or withdraw on Hsingyang.

So far the Chinese have proved themselves better adapted to the Hupeh hills, and neither the Japanese encirclement plans nor their annihilation scheme have been realised.—Trans-Ocean.

SECRET RADIO TRANSMITTER DISCOVERED

Antwerp, To-day.

The whereabouts of a secret anti-German wireless transmitter has just been discovered by the Antwerp police in the suburb of Berchem.

Complaints had been reaching the Antwerp police for long past about this transmitter. The equipment has been confiscated by the police and proceedings begun against the conductor of the transmissions.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH PACT WITH FRANCO

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER, M. GEORGES BONNET, YESTERDAY RECEIVED THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR, M. FELIX DE LA GUERICA, WHO IS LEAVING FOR SPAIN SHORTLY.

The discussion is reported to have centred on the best means of carrying out the Berard-Jordana agreement for the return of war material brought into France by the Republicans.

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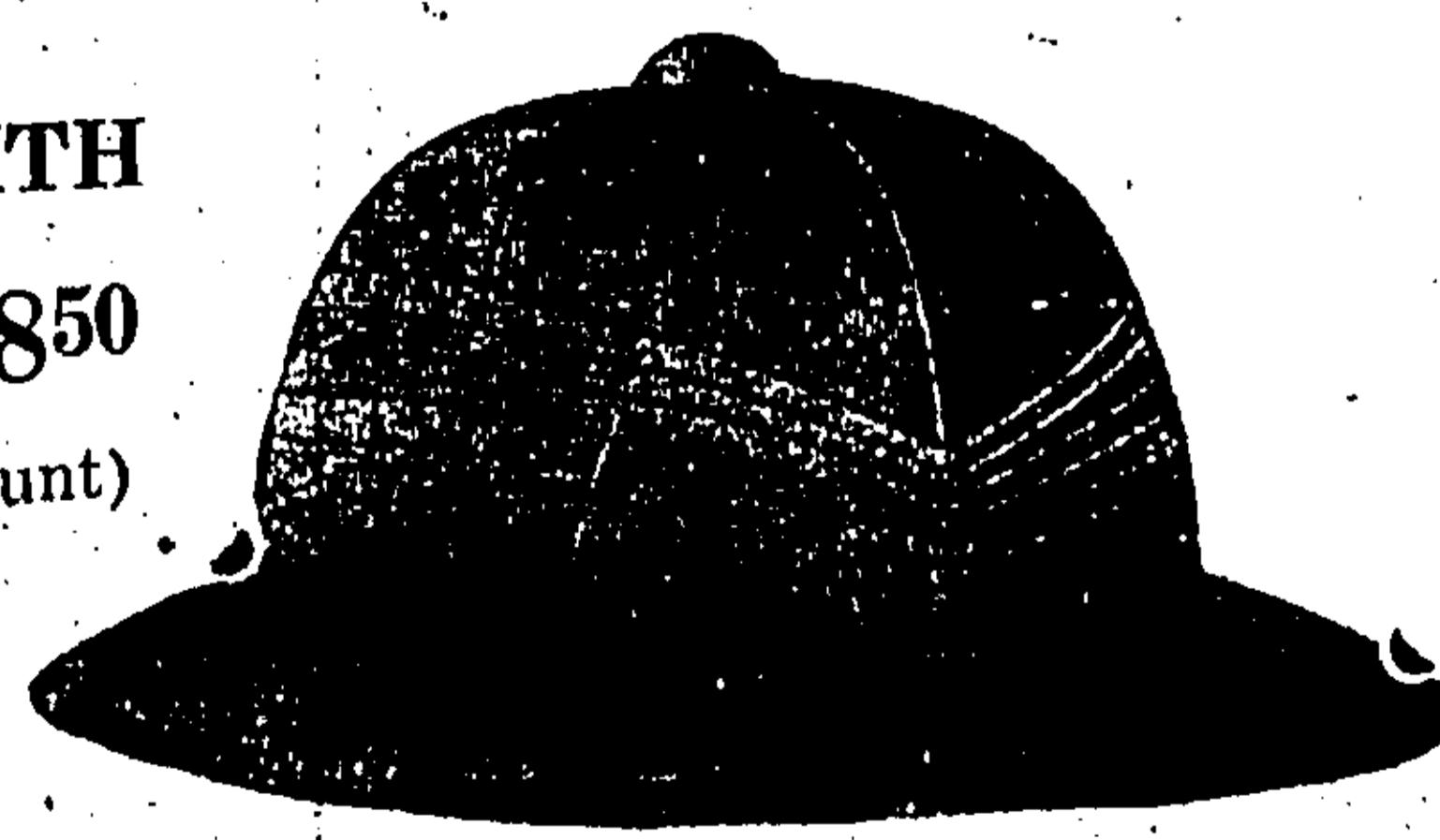
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Death was due to drowning.

The man was fully dressed and his age is estimated to be about 35 years. Nothing on the body was found to assist the police in identifying it, but the name of the maker of the man's shirt was found to be Phillip Jones.

He also had a white leather band round his left wrist.

It is believed that the man drowned after falling into the harbour off a ship.

Nothing was found to indicate foul play.

The body is now lying in the Kowloon Mortuary.

HEROIN CASE

Because he was too willing to please and also because he wanted to get money for tea that an old woman promised him, Ho Sze, 21, was charged this morning at the Central Magistracy with possession of 5,000 heroin pills.

Defendant told the Court that he had been sent out on an errand by his mother, but outside the Sincere Company, he had met the old woman, who had told him if he would carry a package she held in her hand to a house in Wanchai, she would give him some tea money. Defendant had been willing to do so, not knowing, as he said, that the package contained heroin pills. Defendant had not known about the contents until he had been searched and the package opened by Revenue Officers, on his way to Wanchai.

The case is continuing, with Revenue Officer W. Colledge in charge of the prosecution.



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